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Diana Dretske, collections coordinator for the Lake County Discovery Museum, presents a slide show about Lake County's Heritage to members of the Lake Villa Historical Society at the Lake Villa Village Hall.

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Lake Villa hosts county historian

By Brenda Balin

Staff Reporter

Ask anyone how Half Day got its name and you will probably hear something like "It was a half-day away from Chicago."

It sounds plausible, but the real explanation is far more intriguing.

"There was a local Indian chief (probably Potawatamie) named Aptakissic," said Lake County historian Diana Dretske. "His name means 'sun at the meridian'—or 'half day.'"

Dretske, whose usual venue is the Lake County Discovery Museum, dispelled the half-day myth, and others at a slide show and lecture for the Lake Villa Historical Society.

Her talk about the 300-year history of Lake County was the first of a series of monthly events offered by the two-year-old society.

Formed in the wake of Lake Villa's centennial, in 2001, and initially to help secure grants for the restoration of Lehmann Mansion, the organization is beginning to flourish, with about 80 dues-paying members.

About a quarter to a third of that number were in attendance at Dretske's talk.

While Aptakissic's name was morphed into its English representation, the naming of Waukegan was the opposite.

Originally named "Little Fort" when founded in the early 19th century, it grew from settlement to village to town to city. When it reached the impressive census of 2,000 people in 1849, it was renamed with the Algonquin Indian equivalent of Little Fort.

Lake County's first newspaper, the "Little Fort Porcupine," was so named because its publisher said he intended his quill to "stab at the truth."

These and other anecdotes were illustrated with slides showing the evolution of the county from farmlands to the urban and ex-urban bustle of today.

Of course, special attention was paid to the role of Fair Store founder E.J. Lehmann, who brought the railroad, resort living, commerce and community to Lake Villa.

Dretske displayed a slide showing Cedar Avenue (then called Main Street), as a dirt road at the turn of the century.

Historical society member Dorothy

Langbien, 90, recalled how, in the 1920's, when the road was paved, she would roller skate down the street.

She was just 10 then, and her father, Bert Hooper, owned the drug store at the end of the street, near the railroad tracks. The Lake Villa Restaurant now occupies the space.

The society's schedule of events for the coming year includes the following:

Feb. 1: Jill Martin's presentation on one-room school houses from 1840-1900

March 1: Shannon Kurtz on researching family trees

April 12: Ainsley Wonderling, who is museum director for Antioch's historical society, exhibiting her display of vintage hats

May 1: The second annual Antiques appraisal luncheon at Lehmann Mansion

June 7: Carol Knigge on the history of Lake Villa's churches

August 2: a potluck picnic at Lehmann Park, with members of Antioch and Grant townships historical societies

Sept. 6: Jordan Luhr with a history of Allendale

Oct. 4: Joe Stein's tour of the Danube-Swabian Museum and house

Other events, not yet determined, will be announced.

The year ends with a Christmas party.

The society and the Greater Lindenhurst-Lake Villa Area Fine Arts Council co-sponsor the annual Civil War Reenactment and Encampment at Lehmann Mansion.

The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Lake Villa Village Hall, 65 Cedar Avenue (north of Grand Avenue, west of Route 83).

The monthly meetings are open to the public, regardless of residency, and they are free.

Membership in the society costs \$20 per year for individuals, teachers and libraries; \$30 per year for households; \$40 for organizational partners and \$100 for businesses.

Among the benefits of membership, the society is providing a CD-ROM of images of historic Lake Villa.

For information, write to the Lake Villa Historical Society at P.O. Box 519, Lake Villa, IL 60046; call 847-356-6100 or fax 847-356-6217.

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Board reconsiders Menards plans

By Matt Pera

Staff Reporter

Several members of the community packed the Antioch Village Hall Monday night to express their displeasure with the trustees' handling of a proposal to build a Menards on Rt. 173 near Wal Mart.

At the last village board meeting Dec. 20, the board approved a measure 4-1 for the rezoning of 28 acres of land on Rt. 173. The vote would have allowed Great Lakes Principles to begin construction of the Menards.

But at Monday's board meeting the board agreed to reconsider the original vote and revote at the next board meeting Jan. 18.

The decision to renege on the initial decision stemmed from the fact that several Antioch residents, as well as village and county officials, claimed they had not been made aware that the Menards matter was slated for a vote at the Dec. 20 meeting.

At the board's Nov. 16 meeting, the rezoning issue had been tabled in order to fund and

complete a study of the Sequoit Creek Watershed, which is a tributary to Little Silver Lake. Many residents have voiced concern that the proposed detention pond at Menards could create runoff and pollution in the lake.

Several residents said they had been under the impression that any vote on rezoning was not going to take place until the end of January or the beginning of February.

The "courtesy agenda" for the Dec. 20 meeting, which was posted on the village Web site, showed there would be an "Informational Report" on GLP's plans, which suggested no vote would take place.

But the "official agenda," which Trustee Mary Turner said is posted on the bulletin board outside Village Hall and is issued to Mayor Taso Maravelas, Village Attorney Robert Long and the trustees, stated "Great Lakes Principles Phase 2: PZB (Planning Zoning and Building) 04-18 (Menards)," which did allow for a vote.

"I want to stress that there was no viola-

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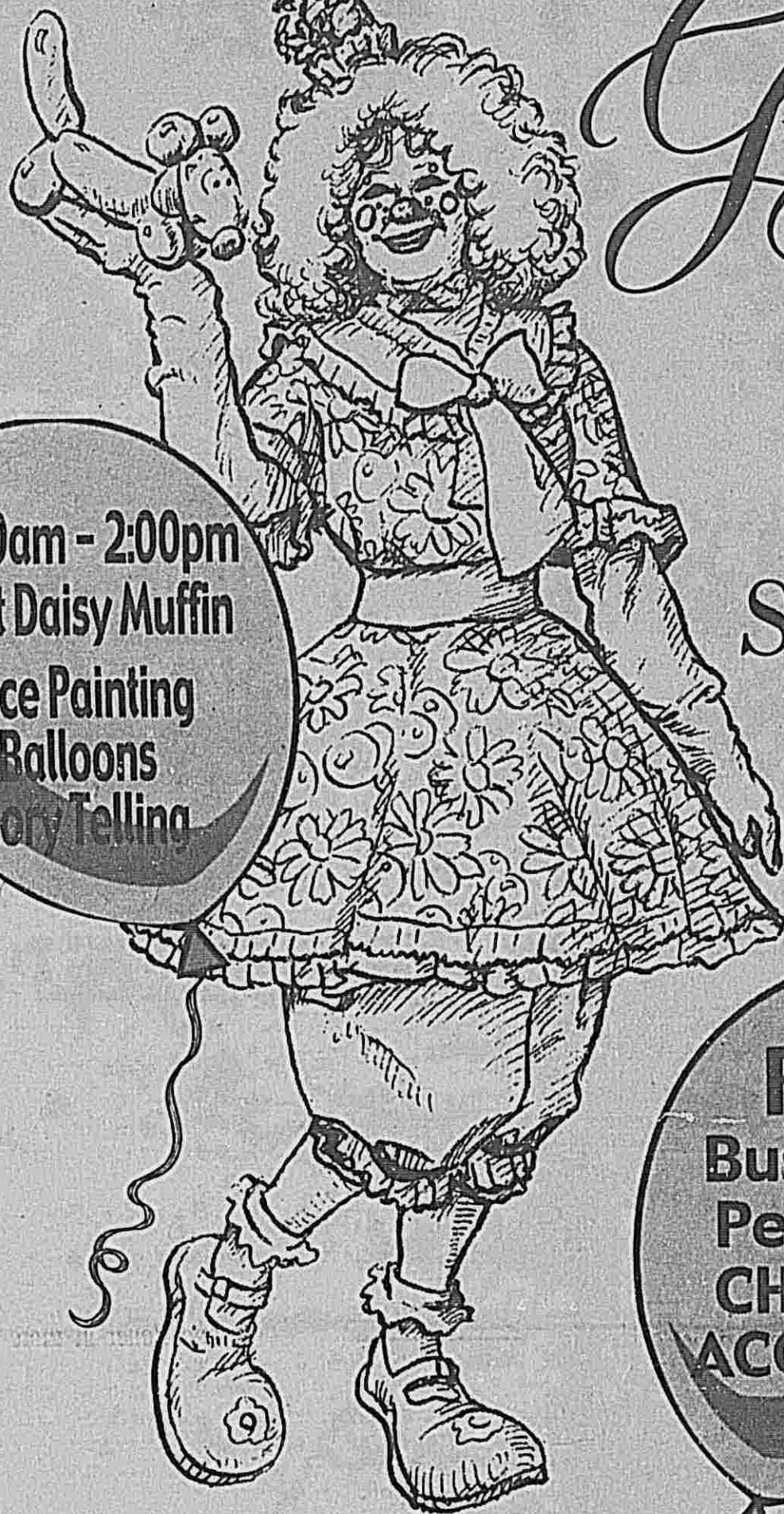
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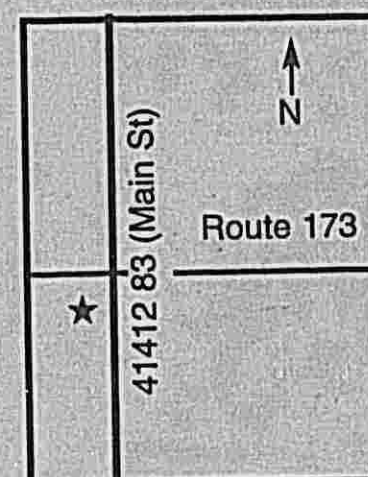
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Winter Wonderland coming to PM&L

By Matt Pera
Staff Reporter

The letters in the PM & L Theatre's names symbolize the different elements of the stage. The "P" stands for palette, which is the symbol of the artist; the "M" represents the masque, which symbolizes the actor; and, finally, the "L" is for lyre, the symbol of the musician.

Several members of the PM&L Theatre will put the last letter into practice later this month when they present their second annual Winter Wonderland Concert. The musical variety show will take place at the theatre, located at 877 Main Street in Antioch, Jan. 15 at 8 p.m. and Jan. 16 at 2:30 p.m.

Last year, PM&L presented its first ever winter concert for only one night in January. But PM&L Board President Tom Hausman, who also runs Winter Wonderland, said the reaction from the audience warranted an extra night this year.

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Tom Hausman
PM&L Board President

close to a full house which is why we decided to expand it to two days," Hausman said. "People really enjoyed it so we decided to try it once again."

The two-hour-long show will consist of four pianists and 22 singers performing movie, Broadway and pop tunes.

"We have quite a talent pool so we're very happy about that," Hausman said.

Winter Wonderland stemmed from a fundraiser called "Footlights," that PM&L puts on every November at St. Peter's School. Each room in the school is renovated to represent a different

theme and last year one of the spaces was remade to look like a piano bar.

Hausman said members of the theatre decided to use many of the same singers and musicians from the piano bar to create Winter Wonderland.

Each singer selected one or two songs to perform this year, which will make for an eclectic night of music.

Tickets are \$10 for all ages and reservations can be made by calling (847) 395-3055 starting Jan. 10.

All proceeds will help fund future endeavors for PM&L, which is a not-for-profit organization.

Hausman said the theatre, which presents six plays per year, is producing several special programs this year in order to make more performances available to the public.

"It was a way for us to do something to raise extra funds to keep the theatre up and running," he said. "And between (plays) it's a chance to make better use of the building."

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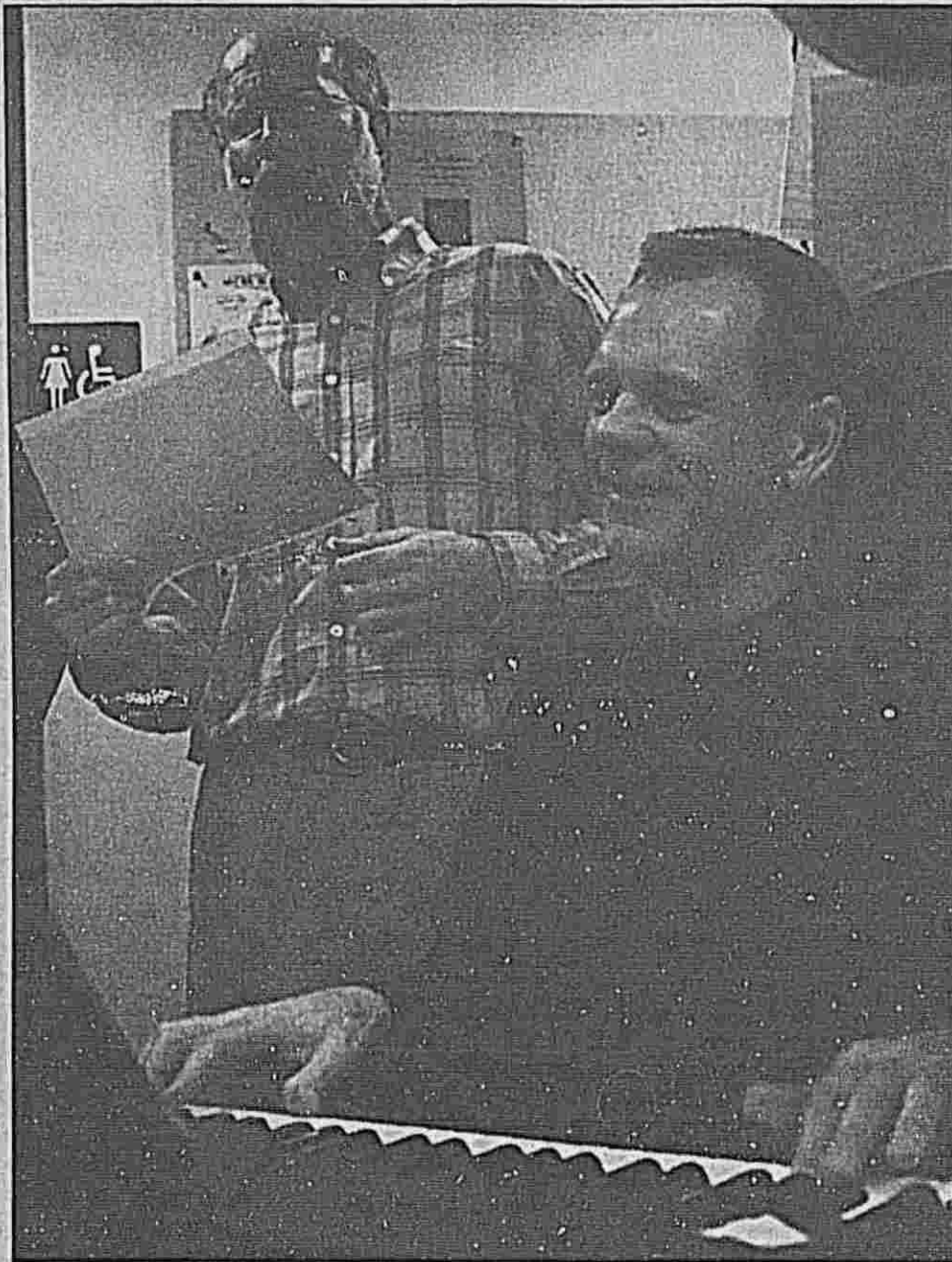


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Murry Holmstrom, of Bristol, plays keyboard, and Ken Scheske, of Salem, sings while the Winter Concert Chorus practices for their December 15 and 16 performances of the PM&L Winter Wonderland Concert.

FoxCom ready to service 911 needs early next month

By Steve Peterson
Staff Reporter

FoxCom 911 is the new name of the Fox Lake emergency dispatch center.

"We selected that name because it gives us an identity," said dispatch center director Paul Forman.

Forman said once the staff is trained, the system is up and running, there may be a marketing plan to attract other agencies. He said the major services in the area are CenCom, serving Round Lake but stretching to Barrington and a service in Northbrook.

Gone are the days of handsets and picking up the phone. A touch of the computer screen takes care of all that, Forman said.

"I would say that we are ahead of schedule in terms of training," Forman said. "This speeds up the whole process. The calls still go through and we still get the follow-up information. Everything is what we call 'soft,' without microphones or hand sets."

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Paul Forman
Dispatch Center Director

Training for the staff of 10 full and part-timers has included listening in and running parallel calls to the actual emergency. The "live" date is Sunday, Feb. 6. A public open house will be held later this month.

Once that happens, very few people will be allowed in the secure area.

"We can't have visitors or get mail or packages here," Forman said. "No longer will the dispatch center be the receptionist for the police department."

That has already taken place, as visitors wait at a revised waiting room for an officer. Soon the new entranceway will take its place.

The dispatch center's workstations are adjustable in every sense of the word, to height and light. They are expandable so that they may be added to if needed. The plan is to bring in other first responders and dispatch their calls, said projects manager Paul Jakstas.

"The days of being so paper driven will be over soon, with a red card for fire and a yellow card for ambulance. It is so different, because we've never done business this way. Come Feb. 6, all the paper cards go away," Forman said. "My position will go from dispatch center director to 911 director to marketing director."

Also, you don't have to unplug this system when times get very hectic during peak hours. "You don't have the ability to get up and walk away."

"We will have 50 cameras rotating through the building at the 27

doors. If an officer needs to be buzzed in, he will say, 'I'm at door 27 and it will be buzzed in,' Jakstas said during a tour.

Creature comforts of the dispatch center workers is one priority. "We want to design the center to be an employer of choice and be user friendly ergonomically," Forman said, adding even a foot warmer is available.

The revamped police station has been under the direction of Jim Thielen and designed by architect Don Erickson and the village board's facility study team. The facility study team has been working on the project since the Nov., 2002 referendum was defeated.

The entire entrance will have security in place, including bullet-proof glass, said Jakstas.

Sergeant has been moved from an area "the size of a bathroom" to a much larger area downstairs.

"It has been a very smooth transition as we go along and that is a good thing. It is not going to be like one day it will be changed," said Fox Lake Police Chief Ed Gerretsen.

The new area will be much more efficient. The public has been very patient with a makeshift entryway, the chief said.

"We're waiting for the final OK from the Department of Corrections to have the design for the new cell areas approved," Gerretsen said.

Working with vendors, the costs can be reduced.

In bids for the center, at 301 S. Route 59, the village board approved a quote from Abbott Electronics not to exceed \$21,600 for closed circuit TV.

Forman said there is training needed to be done on the new, modern telephone system as well as CAD, Computer Aided Dispatch. A policy and procedure manual has been set.

Paul Jakstas, the village's project manager, said it would be a good idea to have an open house so that the public could see the dispatch center at work.

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Petition time busy at Gavin District 37

By Steve Peterson
Staff Reporter

The race for Gavin School Board of Education seats could be a growing one as candidates make their decisions known for the April 5 vote.

Former school board members Kristine Johnson and Phil Mack are considering filing petitions. Four seats are up for election on the school board and filing time is Jan. 17-25.

"I have mentioned it around the neighborhood and people have said that it would be an excellent idea. I am concerned about the future and the children of Gavin," Johnson said.

Both Johnson and Mack served on the District 37 Board from 1991-99.

"I am doing it for the children of Gavin School District," Mack said.

Johnson served as school board president for four years.

Both are members of Citizens United for a Responsible Board. However, Mack said CURB's purpose is not to support individual candidates.

"I think that we need to let Legat and Boller in there (Central) and allow them to make good on their building," Johnson said.

"Absolutely I feel that the building does not need to be demolished," Mack said.

Both said they have not decided to run as an independent or as part of a slate.

Johnson said because her children are grown, she has more time to serve the school board.

She said she most enjoyed most the exchange program between Gavin and Azuma, Japan.

Mack has had two children graduate from Gavin South Junior High and Grant Community High School.

School board members whose seats are up for election are Stanley Pasiewicz, Karen Wipper, Sherry Florian and Michael Lojdl.

Gavin is coping with a closed Gavin Central School, due to many structural difficulties, with students attending a section of Lakes Community High School.

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THROW ME A LINE



Photo by John Dickson

Tony Dyrkcz, from Palos Heights, lowers a lure into frozen Round Lake to catch a fish. Now that the ice is thick enough to walk on, ice fishing season is now open.

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Gavin Central options debated at meeting

By Steve Peterson
Staff Reporter

Gavin School District 37 officials sought to answer questions regarding the future of closed Gavin Central site at a special hearing.

Following the discussion, there was the promise of another hearing, before the April 5 election. Voters will be asked to approve a \$2 million addition to the rebuilt Gavin Central School when it re-opens in 2005-06. Eight year-old Gavin Central has been closed since roof truss failures and other building problems were discovered in March, 2004.

Several audience members asked that the school board reconsider is decision not to use the south site for double shifts next year. The district is considering moving students to a school in Lake Zurich, but that has not been finalized.

Gavin school board president Connie Thorsen read a letter from school district attorneys stating that the attorneys had not received all the documentation of calculations expected from Legat Architects and Boller Construction, who supervised the construction of Central. However, Ron SaLee, a resident who leads a group attempting to preserve Gavin Central with improvements, said he had those documents. Another resident said that he had documents which stated that at one time the original \$9 million in bonds to approve Gavin Central could have been refinanced.

"I think that the school board should consider building here and add a wing and have a bare bones school," said resident Howard "Bud" Scott. "I think you should consider dual shifts here."

"That was looked at in the past, but people objected to it because of day care situations," said Superintendent Marge Fostiak.

School Board Vice President Steve Savage said that the board is "still looking at all of its options for next year, including commercial buildings."

Gavin South would have to be changed to accommodate the younger, smaller students coming from Lakes Community High School, which houses Gavin School grades pre-kindergarten to fourth grade. Fostiak said that Lake Zurich would only be five more minutes away than Lakes Community HS.

Participants in the Dec. 28 round table discussion brought up such elements as the district's \$5 million lawsuit against Boller and Legat, which school district officials say will be larger in scope. Problems other than trusses include bracing, type of grade of wood used, shear missing and more.

Also, the switch to one truss system from two and the judgment not to have a separate owners representative firm on site were debated.

"Gavin Central was one of five schools designed by Legat at the same time, but the others were built differently," Fostiak said.

Scott mentioned that, for one year, the district paid two superintendents, former Supt. Mike Maloney and Fostiak, when she was first hired, adding to the district's financial woes.

Regarding the planned demolition at Gavin Central, all parties will be back in Lake County Circuit Court later this month for a status report. Fostiak said that the bids for the demolition work have yet to be awarded. The district has hired Turner, Inc. to be the on-site district representative at the new construction.

Failure of the April referendum would only mean that the new school at Gavin Central would be overcrowded, Fostiak said.

Gavin School District 37 has received a \$5 million grant from the State of Illinois Capital Development Board for the rebuilding of Gavin Central School. "This grant amount is 53 percent of the state's projected dollar amount to build a new replacement school for our community," Fostiak said in a November letter to parents.

One audience member questioned the school board's decision-making ability to not to accept offers of repair by Boller and Legat. Another firm, WJE Engineers, has said that the school building could be repaired.

"I would like to see more concrete evidence," said resident Gordon Gonyo.

Those attending the late-December round table were given updates on the Feb. 16-26 findings that led to the closure of Gavin Central school.

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Police nab BB shooters

By Brenda Balin
Staff Reporter

A sharp-eyed patrol officer was responsible for the arrest of three young men who are allegedly to blame for a rash of BB shootings in two Illinois locales.

Jeremy S. Barrows, 18, of 24216 W. Hummingbird Drive, Channahon, Ill., Steven G. Kolchaka, 18, of 2224 Susanna Way, Cresthill, Ill. and John J. Nolan, 17, of Route 1, Adrian, Mo., were all arrested by Antioch Police on Christmas night. All were charged with 11 counts of Class 4 felony criminal damage to property, with possible sentences of 1-3 years.

During the period from Dec. 23-25, the Antioch Police Department received a dozen separate complaints from vehicle owners

regarding windows shot out, possibly with BBs. The damage occurred throughout the village.

At 11:47 p.m., on Dec. 25, Police Officer Tom Nowotarski was on patrol, when he stopped a vehicle for speeding. The officer observed BB guns and carbon dioxide cartridges in the vehicle.

The suspects were investigated, and charges were brought.

The police department sent notices about the arrests to other departments in southern Wisconsin and Illinois. Law enforcement officials from the Channahon-Joliet area reported similar incidents in the same time frame.

The three youths had been visiting relatives in the Antioch area when the alleged vandalism occurred.

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Barrows



Kolchaka



Nolan

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BOARD

tion of the Open Meeting Act," said Turner, who is the chairperson of the planning, zoning and building board.

Turner added that "as a result of this publishing error by the village staff" she would like to see a resolution on the next meeting agenda (Jan. 18) that will require Village Clerk Amy Monroe to certify that both the official and the courtesy agendas are identical.

Lake County Board member and Antioch resident Judy Martini was one of the village citizens who addressed the board Monday night, and implored the trustees to take more time with their vote on the Menards construction.

Mayor Maravelas claimed he had no input on the board meeting agendas during the past six months and had not been aware of the

Menards vote on the last agenda until the meeting, when he expressed his displeasure with the 4-1 decision by voting a symbolic no for the record.

Lawrence Hanson, the only trustee who voted against the rezoning measure Dec. 20, said communication among village officials needed to improve in order to ensure such problems did not happen again.

"I want to do what is best for this community," he said. "I was confused too at the last meeting (Dec. 20). In certain situations, where it is a critical situation that will change the complexity of the community, I think we need to start paying more attention to each other."

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Possession of drug paraphernalia

Shari L. Mahar, 37, of 359 Lakewood, Antioch, was arrested by Antioch Police on Dec. 30, at 8:28 p.m., while driving a white 1995 Chevrolet Blazer on North Avenue near Dwight Court. Police stopped the driver to give her a "courtesy notice" for driving with an inoperative rear registration light. The subject appeared to be hiding something in the center console. After she allegedly cried and told police, "I don't want to go to jail," police searched the console and found a metal smoking pipe with a residue that appeared to be cannabis. Mahar was charged with driving without a rear registration light and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was released on an I-bond, pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Jan. 26, at 9 a.m.

Driving with a revoked license

Christopher C. Larsen, 21, of 397 Poplar Ave., Antioch, was arrested by Antioch Police on Jan. 2, at 9:34 a.m., while driving a white 1995 Pontiac Sunfire on Route 173 near Savage Road. He was charged with improper passing and driving with a revoked license. He was released on a \$1,000 I-bond, pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Feb. 9, at 9 a.m.

Driving with a suspended license

Donna D. Clem, 42, of 21112 119th St., Bristol, Wis., was arrested by Antioch Police on Jan. 2, at 4:34 p.m., while driving a white 1991 Dodge Caravan northbound on Main Street at Poplar Avenue. The driver was observed going 42 mph in a 30-mph zone. She was charged with speeding and driving with a suspended license. She was released on an I-bond, pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Feb. 23, at 9 a.m.

Warrant arrest

Deanna M. Ultreras (a.k.a. Yuszak), 41, of 501 First St., Antioch, was arrested by Antioch Police on Jan. 2, at 8:31 p.m., at her home address. Antioch Police had been contacted by the Franklin Park Police Department regarding an outstanding warrant. During a previous attempt to arrest the subject, she fled from police.

LAKE VILLA

No valid driver's license

Estefania Paz de Gomez, 39, of 429 Clifton Drive, Round Lake Park, was arrested by Lake Villa Police on Dec. 23, at 3:48 p.m., while driving a silver 1994 Chevy van eastbound on Route 132 near Cleveland Avenue. She was charged with no valid driver's license, and released on an I-bond, pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Feb. 9, at 1:30 p.m.

Refrigo Reyes, 25, of 1929 53rd St., Kenosha, Wis., was arrested by Lake Villa Police on Dec. 29, at 3:59 p.m., while driving a white 2002 Ford pick-up truck southbound on Deep Lake Road near Crooked Lake. The driver was seen going 55 mph in a 40-mph zone. Although in possession of a valid Wisconsin license, the driver had been convicted on May 24 of driving with no valid driver's license. Police charged him with speeding and no valid driver's license, and released him pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Feb. 29, at 3 p.m.

Driving with a revoked license

Thomas B. Bueche, 28, of 556 Park Ave., Twin Lakes, Wis., was arrested by Lake Villa Police on Dec. 22, at 11:43 a.m., while driving a green 1992 Honda Accord westbound on Monaville Road near Fairfield Road. Police observed a "doughnut spare" on the left rear wheel and a missing muffler. The driver admitted he had no driver's license, and told police the emergency tire had been on his car for three days. He had no valid driver's license in Illinois,

and he was driving with a revoked license from Wisconsin. He was charged with driving with a revoked license, muffler violation and unsafe tires. He was served a notice to appear in Grayslake Branch III court, on Jan. 12, at 3 p.m.

Burglary to motor vehicle

On Dec. 24, a 16-year-old male resident of Elderberry Lane reported to Lake Villa Police that a Sony D-SJ301 portable CD player had been stolen from his teal 1997 Chevrolet Cavalier sometime between the evening of Dec. 22 and 8 a.m. on Dec. 23.

DUI ARRESTS

The following people have been arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs

Allen O. Houghton, 34, of 8514 Cedar St., Fox Lake, was arrested by Antioch Police on Jan. 2, at 3:15 a.m., while driving a white 2001 Mazda pick-up truck on Route 59 near Beach Grove Road. Police interrupted field sobriety tests for safety reasons. The driver refused breath tests. He was charged with improper lane usage and DUI. He was released on a cash bond, pending an appearance in Waukegan courtroom C-402, on Feb. 1, at 9 a.m.

Cocaine-filled balloon kills Antioch teen

By Nicholas Alajakis

Staff Reporter

Police have arrested a Chicago man who they say allegedly sold the cocaine to an Antioch teen, which led to her death in Gurnee earlier this week.

Antonio Sanchez-Zuniga, 25, was arrested earlier this week in connection with the death of Aubrey G. Sweeting, said Lake County Deputy Chief Michael Balsamic.

Sanchez-Zuniga admitted to selling Sweeting cocaine on the morning of Jan. 2.

Sweeting, 18, a CLC student and 2004 graduate of Antioch High School, was found hours later in the parking lot of the Fatman's Inn, 36309 N. Route 41, by employees on the restaurant/bar, said Lake County Coroner Richard Keller.

Preliminary autopsy results showed Sweeting died due to a cocaine overdose, Keller said. Investigators found two balloons of cocaine in her stomach. One of the balloons had ruptured and released large amount of cocaine into her system, which led to her death, Keller said.

He is not sure how much cocaine was in the

lethal dose, Keller said. Official toxicology results are expected in a week.

Carrying drugs with balloons, plastic baggies or condoms is not uncommon, Keller said. Many times drug users will do it to avoid detection from police. The bag will normally pass, but in instances, like with Sweeting's, the bag ruptures.

Sweeting was found alone in her SUV on the morning of Jan. 2, Balsamic said. Police do not believe Sanchez-Zuniga was with her when she died.

Sanchez-Zuniga was charged with drug-induced homicide and is being held in the Lake County jail in lieu of \$250,000 bond. Additional charges are possible. Sanchez-Zuniga does not have a criminal record, Balsamic said.

This is the second drug-induced homicide arrest in Lake County in as many weeks. Last week police in Winthrop Harbor, along with members of the Lake County Metropolitan Enforcement Group arrested Kenneth Karl Kokko Waukegan in connection with the death of Jarrod Mihaljevic, 18, of Winthrop Harbor.

Mihaljevic died of a heroin overdose in his home.

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A Directory Of Antioch Area Churches

Graceland Baptist Church, 258 Ida St., Antioch, IL. Sunday School 11am., Morning Worship 11am., Sunday Evening 7pm. Robert Williams, Pastor.

First Church of Christ, Scientist & Reading Rm. Rte 173 and Harden, Antioch, Phone (847) 395-1196. Sunday School, Sunday Church Service 10:30am, Wednesday, 7:30pm.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, worshipping at Antioch/Lake Villa Township Center, 1625 Deep Lake Rd. Pastor Darald Gruen, Phone (847) 265-2450. Sunday Worship at 9am, Sunday School, High School & Adult Bible Classes 10:45am.

Heritage Lutheran Church, Lindenhurst Civic Center, 1949 Old Elm Rd., Lindenhurst, (847) 356-1766. Sunday service 10:00 am, Sunday School & Bible Class 9:00 am. (summer schedule - 9:00 am Sunday) Rev. Mark W. Anderson, Pastor.

St. Ignatius Episcopal, 500 Depot St. Antioch Phone (847) 395-0652. Low Mass 7:30am., High Mass 9:30am Sunday School & Nursery 9:30am. Rev. Vincent Eckholm, Pastor.

Cross View Church (formerly Antioch Evangelical Free Church) 750 Highview Drive, Antioch, IL 847-395-4117 Sunday Worship Services 9:00am and 10:30am Sunday School for all ages (nursery provided) Call for more information.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1155 Hillside Ave. Phone (847) 395-3359. Sunday Worship, 8:00, 9:30, 10:45am. Rev. Roger Black, Pastor. Saturday Worship Service 5:00pm

Christian Life Fellowship Assemblies of God Church, 41625 Deep Lake Rd., Antioch, Phone (847) 395-8572. Sunday School (all ages) 9am., Sunday Morning Worship 10am., Children's Church 10am., Sunday Evening Worship 6:30pm., Wednesday Worship & Children's Program 7am., Tues. Women's Fellowship & Bible Study 9-11:30am. Jeff Brussaly, Pastor.

Antioch Baptist Church, 817 Holbeck Dr., Antioch, Phone (847) 769-5332. Sunday Morning Worship 10:15am, Sunday evening Service 6:00pm., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm. Pastor Ken Foster.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran, 1275 Main St., Phone (847) 395-1660. Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30am., Sunday School 9:25am., Mon. Worship 7:00pm Pastors Gregory Hermanson & Aaron Christie. Christian Day School (847) 395-1664.

Millburn Congregational United Church of Christ, Grass Lake Rd. at Rte. 45. Phone (847) 356-5237. Sunday Service 10am. Children's Program 10am. Rev. Paul R. Meltzer, Pastor.

Antioch United Methodist Church, 848 Main St., Antioch, Phone (847) 395-1259. Rev. Gary Curl, Pastor. Sunday Worship 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Children's church and Sunday School. Adult Groups at 9:15 a.m. Nursery care for children through 3 years of age from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

St. Peter's Church, 557 W. Lake St., Antioch, Phone (847) 395-0274. Masses weekdays, 7:30am; Sunday 6:30, 8, 9:30, 11:30am & Saturday 5:30pm. Rev. Father Ronald H. Anglim, Pastor.

Chain of Lakes Community Bible Church, 43 W. Grass Lake Rd., Phone (847) 838-0103. Sunday Worship 9:30 and 11:00. Sunday School. Rev. Kerry Bauman, Senior Pastor

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), 25100 W. Grand Ave. (Rte. 59 & 132), Lake Villa, (847) 356-5158. Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45am; Sunday School (3 and up) and Bible Study 9:30am. Christian Preschool. Rev. John Zellmer, Pastor.

Lighthouse Church of Antioch, 554 Parkway Ave., Antioch, IL (847) 838-0616. Saturday Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Adventure Club for Kids, Adult Bible Study Saturday Evening 6:00 p.m. Monday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Thursday Evening PTSD Support Group 7:00 p.m. Senior Pastor Tom Bartmer.

NorthBridge Church, A Contemporary Worship Experience, Meeting at Antioch Community High School, 1133 Main St., Antioch, (847) 838-9370, www.northbridgechurch.org. Service Sunday - 10:30am, Children's Classes (K-5) - 10:30 am. Mark Albrecht, Senior Pastor.

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My occupation:
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Route 83, Lake Villa

I graduated from:
Prosser Vocational High School,
in Chicago

My community involvement:
Member of Lindenhurst-Lake Villa
Chamber of Commerce

What I like most about my town:
Small town atmosphere

My hobbies:
Motorcycling, golfing, fishing

My favorite book:
"The Stand" by Stephen King

My favorite musician:
Paul McCartney

My favorite sports team:
Chicago Cubs

My favorite restaurant:
DiMarco's

My favorite home-cooked meal:
My wife's broccoli and
chicken casserole

The person I admired the most:
My father-in-law

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BIRTHS

Bevin Martin Almblad, a son, was born Dec. 16 at Lake Forest Hospital to Christina Marie and Jay Martin Almblad. Grandparents are Frank and Sharon Miller of St. Louis, Mo. and Robert and Yvonne Almblad of Chicago.

Domingo Vargas Jr., a son, was born Nov. 14 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Blanca and Domingo Vargas of Waukegan. His sibling is Jasmine Velazquez, age 4. Grandparents are Angel and Elva Velazquez of Waukegan; Fermin Vargas of Waukegan and Christina Cancino of Kenosha, Wis.

Raven Ray Wooden, a son, was born Nov. 18 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Harold and Marcelina Wooden of North Chicago. Grandparents are Francisca Bol of Belize, Central America and Dorothy Wooden of Alma.

Tyler Raymond Rowe, a son, was born Nov. 15 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Carol Herbert and Raymond Rowe of Zion. His siblings are Ekemini Rowe, 13 and Toni-Ann Smith, 9. Grandparents are Olga and Wesley of Jamaica and Iris and Clinton Herbert of Zion.

Skylar Kaye Ferrigan, a daughter, was born Nov. 16 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Mark and Regina Ferrigan of Spring Grove. Her sister is Sydney, age 3. Grandparents are Larry and Sharron Schultz of Salem, Wis.; Robert and Judy Ferrigan of Lake Villa. Great grandparents are George Reynolds of Baraboo, Wis.; Maryann Schultz of Grayslake and Betty Brenner of Dallas, Tex.

Randall Ashley Dawson Jr., a son, was born Dec. 21 at Lake Forest Hospital to R.A. and Karen Kiesgen Dawson of Wauconda. Grandparents are Carolyn Kiesgen of Lake Villa and Robert and Carol Dawson of Round Lake Beach.

Hunter Allen Bosch, a son, was born Dec. 23 at Lake Forest Hospital to David and Penny Bosch. Grandparents are Chuck and Nancy Loomis Schroeder of Ingleside; Richard Bosch of Kildeer and Joe Pena of Lake Villa.

Rylee Wynter Frost, a daughter, was born Dec. 9 at Lake Forest Hospital to Kyle and Tricia Frost. Grandparents are Margie and Gregory Frost of Johnsburg; Patricia Rader and William Crutchfield of Antioch.

Aaron Joseph Altman, a son, was born Dec. 10 at Lake Forest Hospital to Robert and Linda Altman of Antioch. His brother is Nathan, age 3. Grandparents are Lucille Altman of Antioch and Ruth Deering of Round Lake.

Logan Gabriel Thielsen, a son, was born Dec. 18 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, to Michael and Jane Thielsen of McHenry. His brother is Dustin, 15 months. Grandparents are Joan and John Boddy of Cary and Don and Nancy Thielsen of McHenry.

Alexander LaVerne Ward, a son was born Dec. 16 at Delnor Hospital in Geneva, to Aaron and Heather Ward of Montgomery, Ill. His sister is Abigail, age 2. Grandparents Ron and Liz Ward of Rockford and Jerry and Gail Smith of Fox Lake. Great grandparents are Don and Nancy Thielsen of McHenry.

CALENDAR

Friday, January 7

7:30 a.m., Lake County Chamber of Commerce net-workers group meets at the Gurnee Hampton Inn. For info, call 847-249-3800.

8 p.m. Solo Singles Club (40+) meets at Gale Street Inn, 906 Diamond Lake Rd., Mundelein. Call 847-970-9433 for more details.

Saturday, January 8

8:30 a.m., Singles (ages 55+) Breakfast Group at In-Laws Restaurant, Gurnee. Chuck: 847-362-5458.

Sunday, January 9

1:30-4 p.m., The Lake County Spinner's Guild meet at Warren-Newport Public Library. Enjoy the art of fiber spinning and meet fellow spinners. For details call Carol at 847-234-0778 or Chris at 847-367-2536.

7-9 p.m., Open gym Sundays at ACHS, \$2, adults.

2-4 p.m., MS Support Group meets at Condell Medical Center, Libertyville. Call 847-549-8971.

2 p.m., Arthritis support group meets at Condell in Libertyville. Call Martha at 847-362-0889.

Monday, January 10

12:45 p.m., Bingo held Mondays at The Antioch Senior Center. Call 847-395-7120 for details.

7-9 p.m., Lakes Area Community Band rehearses at ACHS. Call Debbie Davis at 847-395-0272.

9:30-11:30 a.m., Prairie Patch Quilting Guild meets at Shepherd of the Lakes, Grayslake, 847-223-5759.

7:30 p.m., "Pollination—The Sex Lives of Plants" hosted by the Gardeners of Central Lake Co. at Evangelical Free Church, Libertyville. Please call Susan at 847-826-8007 for more information.

Tuesday, January 11

6:45 p.m., Bingo Tuesdays, Antioch VFW, doors open 4:30 p.m. Call 847-395-5393 for more info.

7-8 p.m., Weigh to Win program held at Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Rd., west of Rt. 83 in Lake Villa. Call 847-356-6181 for details.

Noon, Kiwanis Club of Antioch meets at Double Eagle Restaurant. Call Melissa at 847-489-8044.

1 p.m., AARP Chapter 387 (for adults 55+) meets at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr. Please call Sharon Nowak at 847-395-5068 to learn more.

7:30 p.m., Mothers & More meets at State Bank of the Lakes, Grayslake. Call Kerry at 847-245-3732 or visit www.mothersandmore.org online.

Wednesday, January 12

1 p.m., Antioch Woman's Club meets second Wednesdays at United Methodist Church, Antioch. Call 847-395-4210 to learn more.

8 a.m., American Business Women's Association meets at Keller Williams Realty on Rt. 83 in Antioch. Call Nancy at 847-838-6500.

6 p.m., CPR classes sponsored by Antioch Rescue Squad. \$5. Call 847-395-5511 to learn more.

6:30 p.m., Take Off Pounds Sensibly weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr. Call Dorothy Stark at 847-395-7407 or Betty Muller at 847-838-3907 for information.

10 a.m., Lake County Women's Club meets at State Bank of the Lakes, 50 Commerce Dr., Grayslake. Call Carol at 847-543-4353 for information.

9 a.m., Home Office Managers & Entrepreneurs meets at First Midwest Bank, 300 N. Hunt Club Rd., Gurnee. Call 847-367-7118 for details.

Thursday, January 13

7 p.m., "Identity Theft," Commander Jim Forester of the Antioch Police Dept. will discuss ways to prevent financial identity theft, at Antioch Library, 757 N. Main St. Call 847-395-0874 for information.

7:30 p.m., Village of Antioch Planning & Zoning Board meets second Thursdays at the Municipal Bldg., 874 Main St. Call 847-395-1000 to confirm.

6:30 p.m., National Alliance for the Mentally Ill support group for families and friends meets at Lake County Health Department, 3012 Grand Ave. Waukegan. Call LCHD at 847-377-8180 for details.

Friday, January 14

7-9 p.m., Divorced or separated support group, free childcare, held at Calvary Christian Center, 134 Monaville Rd., Lake Villa. Call 847-356-6181.

Saturday, January 15

8:30 a.m., Singles (ages 55+) Breakfast Group at In-Laws Restaurant, Gurnee. Chuck: 847-362-5458.

Coming soon

Sun., Jan. 16, 2 p.m., "Demystifying Digital Photography," Roger Mattingly will present an overview of digital cameras; what kind to buy and the software needed, held at Antioch Public Library, 757 N. Main St. Call 847-395-0874 for more information.

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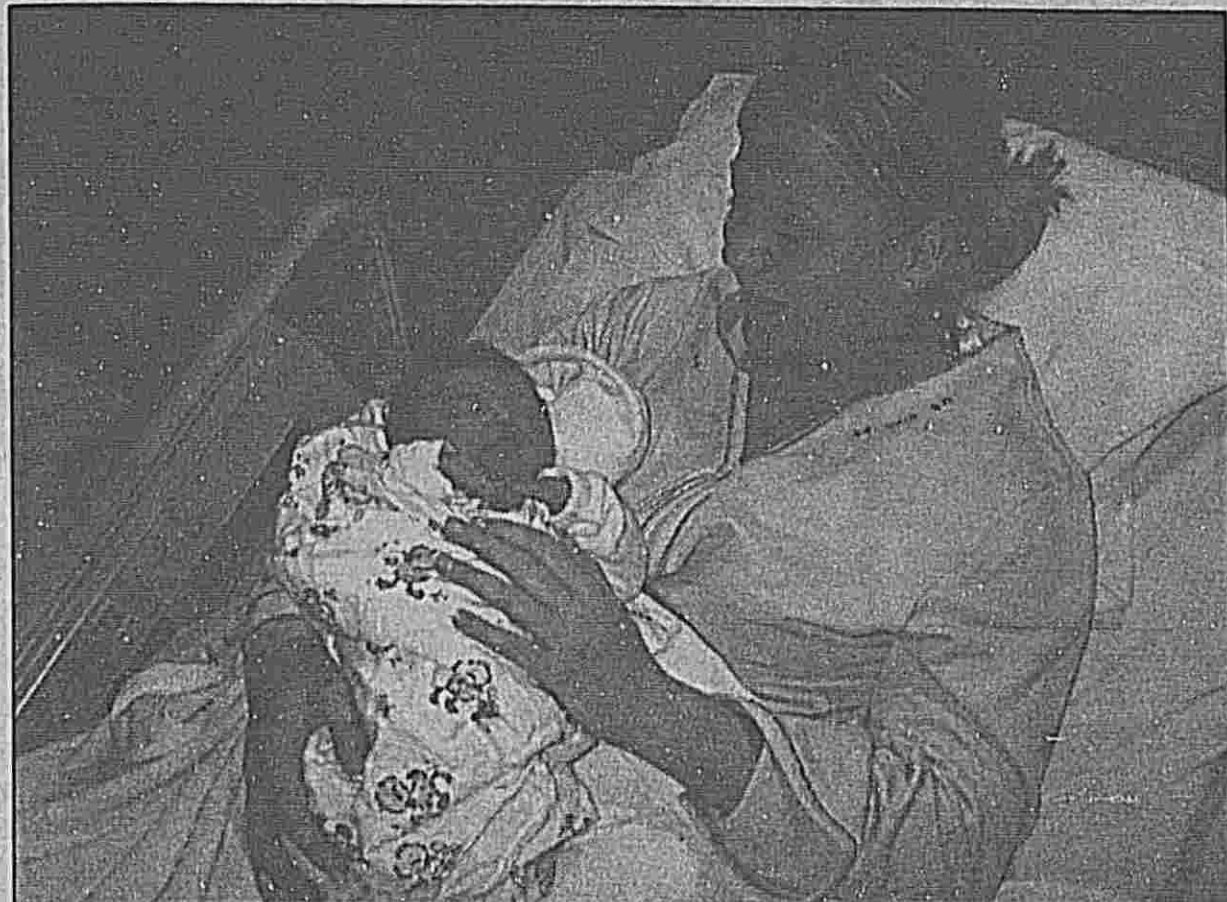
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Lindenhurst baby 1st born in 2005 at Condell

Rebecca and Michael Niemczyk, of Lindenhurst, rang in the New Year welcoming their first baby, Michael Anthony, who was also the first baby of 2005 delivered at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville by obstetrician/gynecologist James Milam, M.D.

Baby Michael arrived at 7:18 a.m., weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces and measuring 21-1/2 inches.

The fact that Michael was not the first baby of the New Year born in Lake County was the very reason he and his parents received a basketful of gifts from Blockbuster, including a portable DVD player and a year of free rentals. According to Blockbuster, it's OK to be a little late, so they awarded the prizes to promote their new pol-

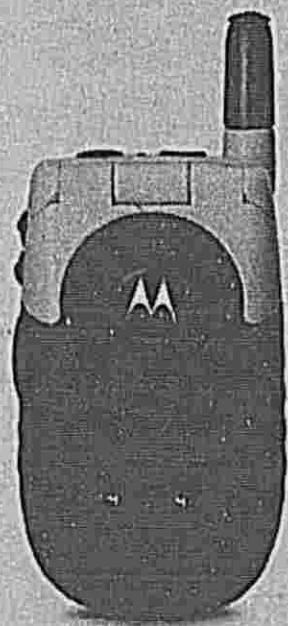
icy doing away with late fees.

Blockbuster district leader Mike Basso and Libertyville store manager Lynn Roth delivered the prizes to the Niemczyks at Condell on New Year's Day.

The Niemczyks also received gifts from Condell Medical Center and Babies R Us in Vernon Hills.

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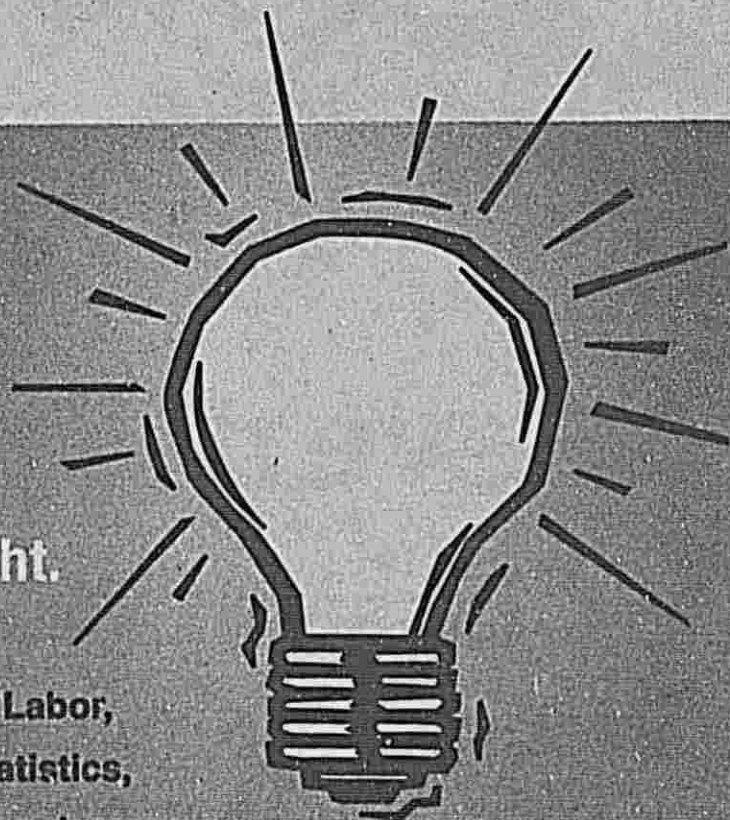
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Pre-kindergarten and early childhood students from Gavin School District 37 perform holiday songs for friends and family at Fox Lake's Lakefront Park Building.

ArtWorks Children's Museum plans auction

The Chain O' Lakes ArtWorks Children's Museum is planning a gala fund-raiser dinner auction. The event is Feb. 5 at Maravela's in Fox Lake. Register before Jan. 15 and save \$5 off the ticket price.

The price before Jan. 15 is \$45, but it increases to \$50 after that. Tables of eight are available for a donation of \$350. There will be a silent and live auction as well. The entrées will be Cornish Hen, Prime Rib and Vegetarian Lasagna. Chain O' Lakes Area ArtWorks Children's Museum is located at 130 Washington Street in Ingleside.

"This is our big fund-raiser for the year. It gets us through the year. It is important to have this to pay our everyday expenses," said ArtWorks director Sharon White.

White said plans are the revamp the summer programs this year.

"We're already getting requests for summer events, hopefully with the 'new' Bubba the art bus," White said.

A newly donated Bubba the Art Bus needs to be reconfigured to make it into a classroom on wheels. Ray's Chevrolet donated both busses.

White said benches need to be installed where the seats formerly were.

Entertainment for the night starts at 5 p.m. the night of the gala, Feb. 5. "I hope that we will have more people than last year," White said. There will be storyteller Jim Plitzer, a magician, laser show, a harpist and live art demonstrations. Maravela's banquet hall is located at 4 Washington Street.

Village announces 2005 regular meeting schedule

The Antioch Village Board of Trustees announced its regular meeting schedule for 2005 last week.

Meetings are scheduled for the first and third Mondays of each month and are held at 7:30 p.m. in the board room of the Village Hall at 874 Main St.

The board held only one meeting in the months of July and August last year. But the trustees were required to announce special meetings to make up for the pared-down schedule, so opted to schedule two meetings in both months this year.

Because certain holidays will fall on the first or third Mondays of the month, those

meetings will be moved to the Tuesday following the holiday. Tuesday meetings for 2005 will be Jan. 18, Feb. 22, July 5 and September 6.

The complete meeting schedule for 2005 is Jan. 3 and 18, Feb. 7 and 22, March 7 and 21, April 4 and 18, May 2 and 16, June 6 and 20, July 5 and 18, Aug. 1 and 15, Sept. 6 and 19, Oct. 3 and 17, Nov. 7 and 21 and Dec. 5 and 19.

In addition to these, special meetings may be called as well.

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Get Fit with Laura Bryant

Thursday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m.

Laura Bryant, author and founder of Inspire Fitness, will teach women the importance of creating their own plan for life-long health. Copies of her book, "Trust Yourself to Transform Your Body: A Woman's Guide to Health and Weight Loss Without Diets," will be available for purchase. Bryant has a master's degree in clinical psychology and is a certified fitness instructor.

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Collecting out of appreciation for the craftsmanship not only describes the Bymes, but Volo Auto Museum President Bill Garris as well. That doesn't mean he can't take pride in holding a two-foot long piece of steel

COVER DESIGN BY DAWN KELLEY

Old toys can bring pretty penny at Antique Toy Road Show.

worth \$4,000 dollars.

Grams turned his collection towards strictly "Buddy L" pressed-steel toy cars. Illinois repairman Bud Lundahl produced the toy series in the 1920's and 30's after using spare car parts to make toys for his boy Buddy.

Neighbors soon caught on and started wanting toy cars of their own. Before long an industry was born and "Buddy L" became a staple of fine pressed-steel toys.

"I started collecting Turner and Smith-Miller and some other types," Grams said. "But I found out my house only had so much room and I limited it to Buddy I because I was most impressed with his vehicles."

Grams collection ranging from shiny red fire trucks and big green coach buses to wooden moving vans can be sold for anywhere from a couple hundred dollars to nearly \$5,000.

"I've probably got close to 100 pieces," Grams said. "I hope to eventually have a 'Buddy L' museum."

Automobiles and other early, metal vehicles are surging in collector popularity right now, said George McCurly, a toy buyer for the Antique Toy Road Show. Steel cars and trains from the 1930's and earlier seem to sit atop the list of collectibles right now.

Other Japanese and German based toys from the same era rank among the most popular, along with nearly anything that "has some size to it."

McCurly said. The larger and older the toy, the more likely it is that somebody will want it.

The more common toys of the 1950's and 60's can also warrant a pretty penny as rare GI Joes, Barbies and Hot Wheels toys can find their price values climb into the hundreds.

"People will have more fun if they bring a large amount of toys with them," McCurly said.

In a recent toy road show someone came in with an old collection of wind-up toys from the early 1900's and walked away with \$20,500 dollars.

Having the old toy chest turn into a treasure chest may be a rarity, but one can never truly know for sure until they give it a chance.

The Antique Toy Road Show will give that chance through Jan. 8 at the Waukegan Ramada Inn.

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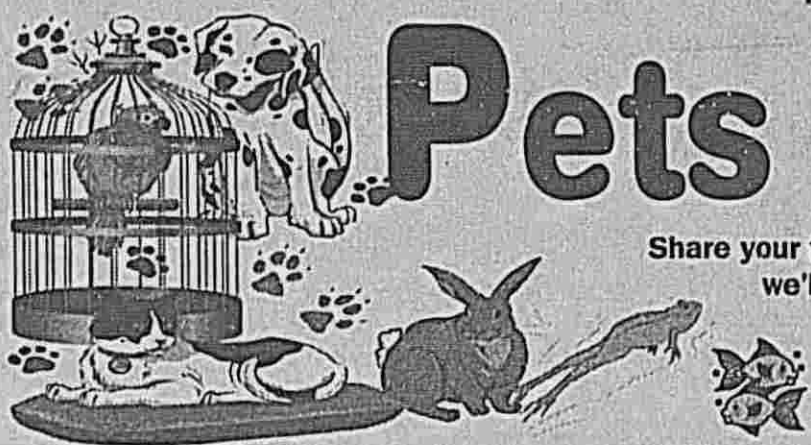
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PETS CORNER



Addie

Husky baby

Addie is an 8-year-old Husky who was left tied-up outside of the Save-A-Pet building a little over three weeks ago. She has arthritis and will be on medication for her entire life. She was terribly matted when she came in and is missing hair on her elbows probably from sleeping on concrete in her previous home. She couldn't walk on the floor when she first came in to the shelter, but she is doing much better. Throughout all of this, Addie is very laid back and is gentle and very friendly.



Brikette

Brick house

Brikette is about 9-years-old and is an orange tabby. She came to Save-A-Pet in 1996 and is ready to have a new home. She is shy with some social issues, but she'll let you know when she doesn't want attention. Brikette would probably do best with one-on-one interaction. She has some dental issues and has had a few teeth removed. Brikette is not on medication, but may require dental exams in the future.



Lindsay

Lindsay Lou

Lindsay is a brown and white collie mix with one white eye and one brown eye. The kennel staff is not sure how old she is, but thinks probably 2 or 3. She loves to play ball and fetch, but needs an experienced owner because she is a little timid to people she doesn't know. The staff has been working with her and she's doing much better. Lindsay doesn't get along with other dogs, so she'll do better as the only dog.



Frosty

Snow White

Frosty is a very friendly, 6-year-old cat. He's quiet and gets along with other cats because he's not the dominant type. He is on a special diet for urinary crystals for three months, which he began in mid-November. If Frosty has any litter box issues it probably means he has urinary crystals again and just needs a visit to the veterinarian. He has been here since October and would love a nice warm home.



Shakers

Shake, shake, shake

Shakers is a 3 year old Chihuahua who came in as a stray from another shelter. He can be cage territorial and may bite when he gets scared, but he just needs time to know you. Shakers shakes when he gets upset, which is a good warning sign. After a couple of visits he should warm up and then he loves to sit on laps. He is missing some hair on his belly and elbows and is white with tan markings. He is curious with cats, but when big dogs are around he tends to bark.



Chew Chew

Chewy

Chew Chew is 9 years old and came to Save-A-Pet in 1997. He has stomatitis, which is a mouth issue, and will probably be on medication for the rest of her life. He could use a more experienced cat owner who has given medication to cats because someone inexperienced could make the process more painful. Other than her medication time, Chew Chew is a big softy. He loves being picked up, held and lots of attention.

Save-A-Pet is located at 31664 N. Fairfield Road, Grayslake. It's closed on Tuesday, open 1-5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1-8 p.m. on Thursday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 847-740-7788 or go to www.save-a-pet-il.org.

Special needs animals also looking for homes

So many adoptable animals looking for homes sometimes get overlooked because they are considered "special needs."

What constitutes a special needs animal can vary from shelter to shelter, said Jamie Jacques, cat staff lead at Save-A-Pet.

At Save-A-Pet, 31664 N. Fairfield Road in Grayslake, special needs animals are any that are "not your average run of the mill animal," Jacques said.

This could mean the animal needs a special diet, has minor medical problems or slight behavioral problems.

She said at Save-A-Pet they try and match the personality of the person to the personality of the animal.

"We do kind of screen a bit more depending upon the commitment requirements of the animal," Jacques said.

In general, adoption counselors at the shelter take time to find out what the adopter's schedule is in order to make the perfect match.

Whether or not a person has ever had an animal before does not play an important part in deciding if they would be right for a special needs animal.

Jacques said every situation is different and they evaluate adoptions on a case-by-case basis.

According to the Save-A-Pet Web site you may be a perfect special needs caregiver if you don't mind spending extra time with the pet, possess extra patience and love, don't mind the possibility of a lifetime of medications, can deal with special needs each day and able to handle the unconditional love you will receive.

Keep in mind when adopting an animal what commitment comes along. Possible pet owners should keep in mind that most dogs and cats live about 10 to 15 years. Make sure to consider where you will be in 15 years and what your life will be like and if that life can still involve an animal.

Adopters will be asked to make a Adoption Donation by cash, check or credit card. The minimum donation is \$125 for a dog, \$150 for a 6 to 12-month old puppy, \$200 for a puppy under 6 months, \$100 for a cat and \$125 for a kitten.

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*Travel expo taps into
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The Expo makes its way to Chicago as adventure travel is poised to become among the biggest drivers of growth in the travel industry. Two-thirds of Americans participate in outdoor recreation each year, and in fact they spend \$125 billion annually on outdoor recreational equipment—a number that tops even the \$50 billion U.S. consumers spent annually on adventure travel itself. Capacity at major national parks such as Yosemite, Yellowstone and Zion is fully booked months in advance of the summer travel season. National forest use also has skyrocketed from 560 million recreation days in 1980 to 860 million recreation days in 1996. Capitalizing on the trend, nearly 8,500 tour operators in the U.S. have added adventure travel trips to the vacation options they offer to their customers.

ATE showcases travel options as diverse as guided archaeological expeditions, team-building, or indigenous/cultural immersion trips; encounters with nature on photographic safaris, whale-watching cruises or llama treks; and vacations centered around sports such as snorkeling, whitewater rafting, bicycle touring, skiing, snowshoeing, spelunking/caving, sea kayaking and windsurfing.

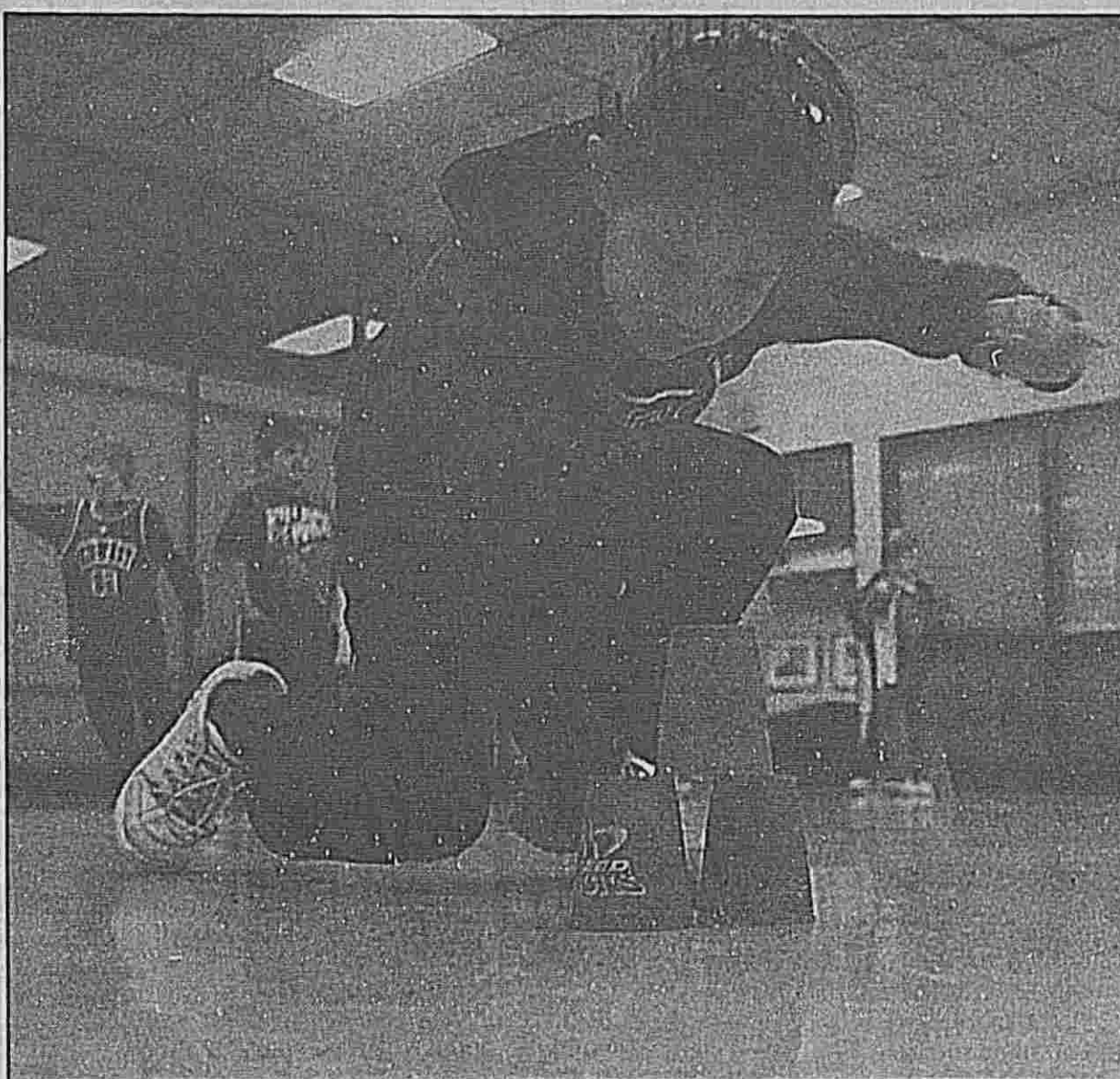
The show is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 8-9, with destinations and resorts from around the globe, adventure experts, gear demonstrations, and a host of exciting on-site activities like a kayak pool, rock climbing walls, luxury spa massages, photo workshops, inspiring seminars, and music from around the world. The show will also feature lots of prizes and giveaways. It will provide an opportunity for amateur and professional photographers alike to present their best travel photos in the National Geographic Wild Angle Photo Contest for a chance to win a grand prize trip to Belize.

For more information about the Adventures in Travel Expo, visit www.adventureexpo.com.



Jeff Zachary
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...will return next week.



Nine-year-old Heather Milton of Waukegan stacks her cups during a relay race at the Waukegan Park District's Holiday Adventures Program at the Belvedere Recreation Center. —Photo by Sandy Bressner

Students embark on winter adventures

By Kyle Schmitt

Staff Reporter

Enjoying a deserved break from classes, children actually volunteered to participate in educational activities this past month.

The winter-breaking students, enrolled in first to sixth-grade classes, came from throughout the county for the Waukegan Park District's Holiday Adventures program. Trips to the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, the Aurora SciTech Hands-On Museum and a cinema showing of "The Incredibles" drew most children back several times.

Hands-on activities at the museums brought biology and physics to students in a "different atmosphere" than their classwork, said Park District Recreation Specialist Laura Pendergrass.

"They always want to learn, but they're not in a school," she said of the all-day "We Have Off" trips. "They don't have to write it down, they don't have to take a test."

Daily trips helped to keep students active and out of trouble, Pendergrass said, through they weren't the only ones to benefit from the all-day.

"They have something to do, and also it's hard for parents to have six days off when they're at school," she said.

A whirlwind tour of the SciTech Museum taught children about tornadoes and other phenomena while also putting them to work.

The kids enjoyed riding bikes at top speed to see how much electricity they could produce, and tested arm strength by hurling objects before a radar gun. Also present was Sue the dinosaur, who gave students a first-

hand glimpse of the prehistoric era.

Counselor Tony Ambrose believes the Dec. 22 Serpent Safari remained the students' most popular day-out. Held in Gurnee, the event put students face-to-face with alligators, turtles and one rather lengthy reptile.

Though mice and other tiny animals were available to hold, the world's largest snake stayed safely behind glass. The 400-pound, 18-foot long anaconda produced several wide-eyed glances, and a safari guide shared information regarding where such serpents are from (South America) and what they eat (not people).

Far from terrified, the students "were thrilled. They had a million questions," regarding the reptile, Ambrose said.

The camaraderie between adventurers made the trips special, Ambrose said. "They get to interact with other kids they might not see at other times," he said.

Pendergrass said she tried to bring a mix of educational and recreational activities to the program schedule, also mixing in a Dec. 27 trip to Chimpy's Pizza and Safari in Vernon Hills.

When not visiting outside attractions, the children relaxed at the Belvedere Recreation Center, play with building blocks, coloring and engaging in more vigorous activities. "They would rather play dodgeball than be on any trip ever," Pendergrass said.

The adventures ended with a performance from magician Gary Kantor on Dec. 29, after which the children enjoyed an early New Year's Eve party. Pendergrass said the district would hold additional "We Have Off" events during the upcoming spring break.

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Sex and the suburbs

My daughter's school Christmas Pageant got me thinking about my love life. Before Jesus made his appearance, there was a scene with the first couple on record to combine childbearing with osteoporosis and prostrate trouble. The Bible says this pair, Zechariah and Elizabeth, "had no children—Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well along in years." But God decided they deserved to become parents of John the Baptist. I'm sure this made for some interesting moments. After untold sleepless nights did mommy wake up with a pacifier in her mouth instead of her upper denture? And how about papa? Did he end up wearing a truss after lugging around all that baby gear?

Not surprisingly, the children playing this elderly twosome were costumed in striped bathrobes. That's what got me thinking about the racy scene played out in our suburban bedroom every night.

After 12 years of parenting later in life, we still can't wait to jump "in the sack." It's just that now it means I put on my sack of a bathrobe to cuddle up with a box of Frosted Flakes, while dad in his robe gets excited talking to a pest control telemarketer. The closest we get to romance is when dad rolls over to avoid lying on "Tony the Tiger droppings."

This has me worried that if we don't spice up our marriage, I'll end up on the "Maury Povich Show" confessing to taking up with any old flake, after discovering my husband has a thing for a woman into animal control.

So I checked out some books at the library. Although the librarian made me feel like an adolescent being "carded" for possession of "adults only" material, I've read a thing or two that I want to try—with some modification due to our age:

'Geriatric Passion'

Men are from Mars and women are from Venus; old men are from around the block, while old women are from Mr. Roger's neighborhood. An old guy wants to relive his randy youth in the five minutes before his 9 p.m. bedtime. On the other hand, the old lady wants to be treated more affectionately than a guard at a prison break. I've read that it's important to address these differences. So I for one intend to keep dad up past his bedtime until he assures me I'm still his spring chicken, not a stewing hen.

'Stay Regular'

Finally, I've read that we need to schedule romance on a weekly basis. In fact, tonight's the night—that is, unless we forget why we came into the room.

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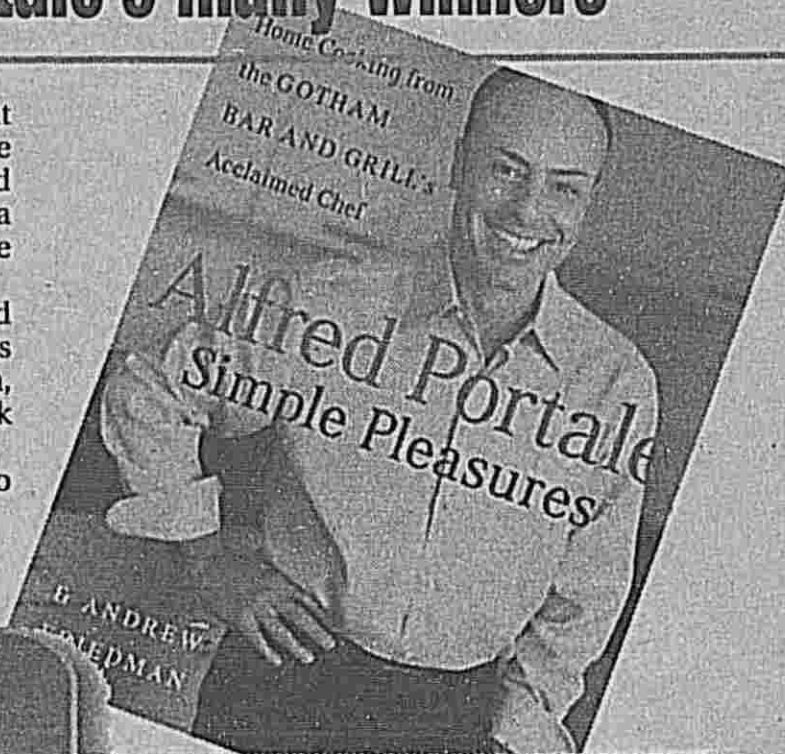


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**COOKING
BY THE BOOK**

The element of surprise can add to the enjoyment of a meal. "Alfred Portale Simple Pleasures: Home cooking from the Gotham Bar and Grill's Acclaimed Chef" (William Morrow, 2004) provides just that extra kick home cooks will find enhances their labor in the kitchen.

This highly usable volume, by chef Portale and food writer Andrew Friedman, comes with luscious photography and simple, creative recipes for fish, pasta, meats, vegetables and desserts. (Yes, the book covers the waterfront with many superb ideas.)

Shiitake mushrooms add a perfect grace note to the chef's frisee salad with goat cheese.



Frisee Salad with Smoked Bacon, Shiitakes and Aged Goat Cheese

16 large shiitake mushrooms, stems removed
2/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
Coarse salt
Freshly ground black pepper

6 oz. slab bacon, cut crosswise into 1/4-in. slices and then into 1/2-in. pieces (lardons)
2 tsp. Dijon mustard
2 Tbl. red wine vinegar

6 cups frisee lettuce, curly endive or Belgian endive leaves
2 Tbl. finely minced shallots
4 oz. aged (or fresh) goat cheese

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F.
Arrange the shiitakes on a roasting pan. Drizzle with 2 to 3 tablespoons of the olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Roast in the oven for 8 to 10 minutes, until the mushrooms are soft, fragrant and lightly browned. Remove them from the oven and when they are cool enough to handle, cut them into large pieces. Transfer them to a bowl and set aside.

Warm 1 teaspoon of the olive oil in a saute pan set over medium heat. Add the bacon and saute, stirring occasionally, until crisp, about 8 minutes. Remove it with a slotted spoon and set it on a paper towel-lined plate to drain. Reserve 2 tablespoons of the bacon fat and keep it warm.

In a bowl, mix together the mustard and vinegar and season with salt and pepper. Whisk in the remaining olive oil and the reserved bacon fat. Taste and adjust the seasoning, adding a little more vinegar if the dressing seems oily.

Dress the mushrooms with about 1 tablespoon of the dressing and

set aside. Put the lettuce in a salad bowl, add the mushrooms and shallots and dress them lightly with the remaining vinaigrette. Grate half of the cheese (or crumble if using fresh) into the bowl, toss to combine and season with salt and pepper. Scatter the bacon over the salad and grate (or crumble) the remaining cheese over the top.

Serve family-style from a bowl or divide among four salad plates.

Variations: You can go a more traditional route and use blue cheese, ideally Roquefort, instead of the goat cheese.

Try sherry vinegar in place of the red wine vinegar.

Flavor building: A teaspoon of freshly chopped tarragon stirred into the dressing will complement all of the flavors here. Or whisk a tablespoon of honey into the dressing along with the mustard to subtly sweeten it.

Health-e-Recipes

A free new service from the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) delivers delicious, healthy, and quick recipes right to your inbox.

Convenience is also a paramount concern. Many Health-e-Recipes can be whipped together quickly after a long day of work. Some that take longer can be prepared on the weekend, frozen, and saved for lunch or dinner during the week.

In Powerhouse White Bean Soup, kale — "a nutritional powerhouse" — is combined with white beans and, preferably, whole-wheat pasta as well. Onion and oregano add lots of flavor. This main dish can be put on the table in less than 30 minutes.

To sign up for Health-e-Recipes, simply go to www.aicr.org and click on "Health-e-Recipes."

Powerhouse White Bean Soup

2 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
1 cup thinly sliced onion
4 cans (15 oz. each) fat-free reduced-sodium chicken broth
4 cups kale leaves, cut into bite-size pieces (remove the thick stems)
2 cans (15 oz. each) white beans, rinsed and drained
1 1/2-2 tsp. dried oregano, to taste
1 1/2 cups rotini pasta noodles, preferably whole wheat
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
Cayenne pepper, to taste (optional)

In a large soup pot set over medium heat, sauté the onion in the oil for 3 minutes, stirring often. Add the kale and sauté it another minute. Add the beans, the chicken broth and the oregano. Bring the soup to a boil. Add the rotini and cook it, covered, until they are tender. (Check package instructions for time.)

This is a mild soup so before you serve it, spice it up with cayenne and black pepper, to taste.

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Top left: Round Lake News-Oct. 29: The family of U.S. Army Specialist Jaime Moreno mourn as his body passes to enter St. Joseph Church in Round Lake for his funeral. Moreno was killed Oct. 12 while serving in Baghdad. — Photo by Sandy Bressner

Left: Fox Lake Press-Aug. 20: DesNeige Della-Peruta, 11, of Fox Lake and her sisters Angelina, 10, and Janina, 7, paddle their way to victory in their boat, the Willy Wonka Water Factory, during the Ninth Annual Cardboard Cup Regatta at Mineola Marina in Fox Lake. — Photo by Candace H. Johnson

Above: Mundelein News- June 4: Mundelein midfielder Brooke Simon, left, heads a ball against a Lake Forest player during the Highland Park Regional title game. Lake Forest beat the Mustangs 2-0. — Photo by Sandy Bressner

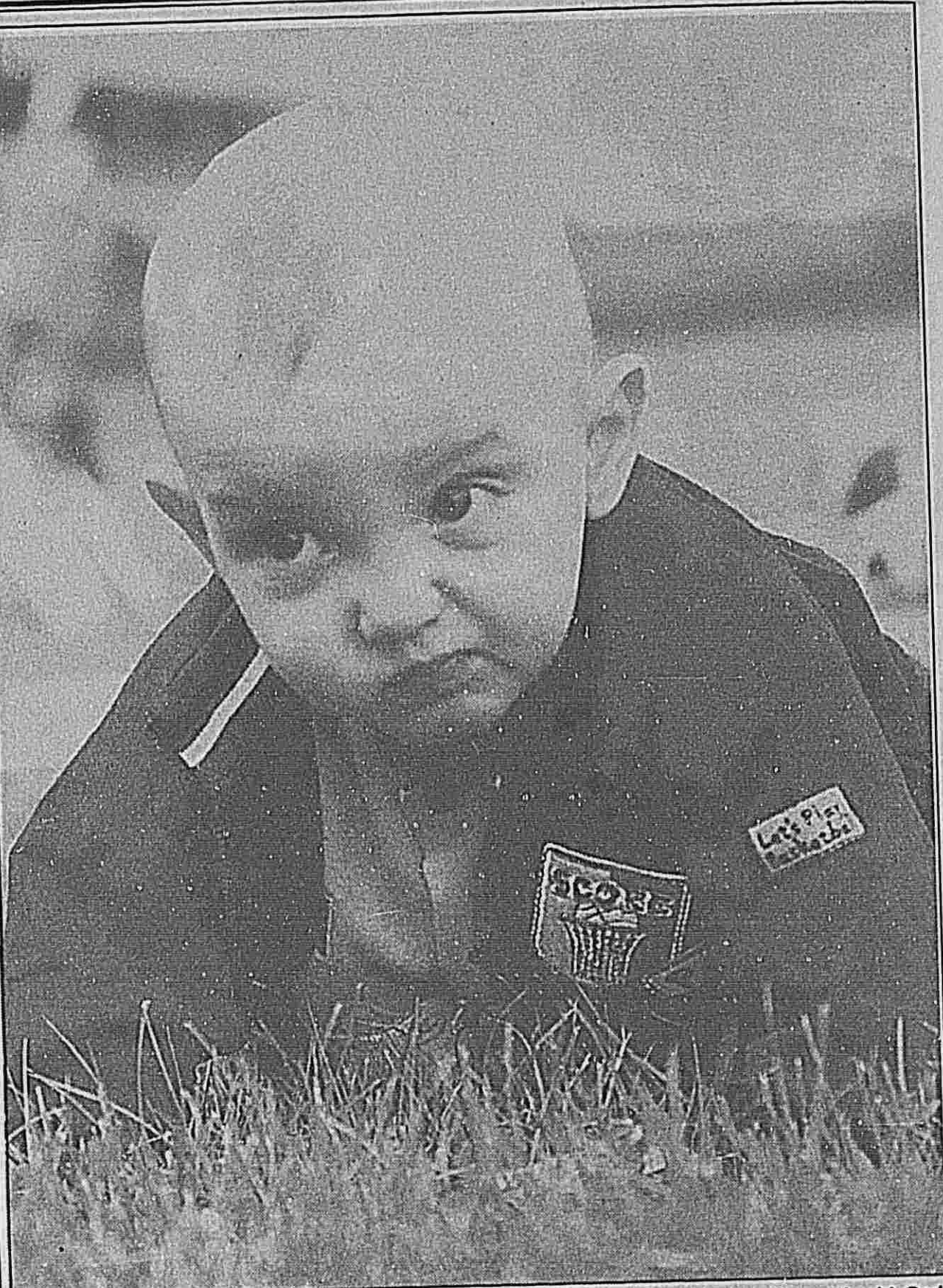
A look back on images and events in
Lake County 2004



County News-Nov. 5: U.S. Representative-elect Melissa Bean is congratulated by Lori Phelps after winning the District 8 seat over 35-year incumbent Phil Crane during her victory party in Schaumburg. Phelps' husband, David, ran against Crane in the primary election.— Photo by Sandy Bressner

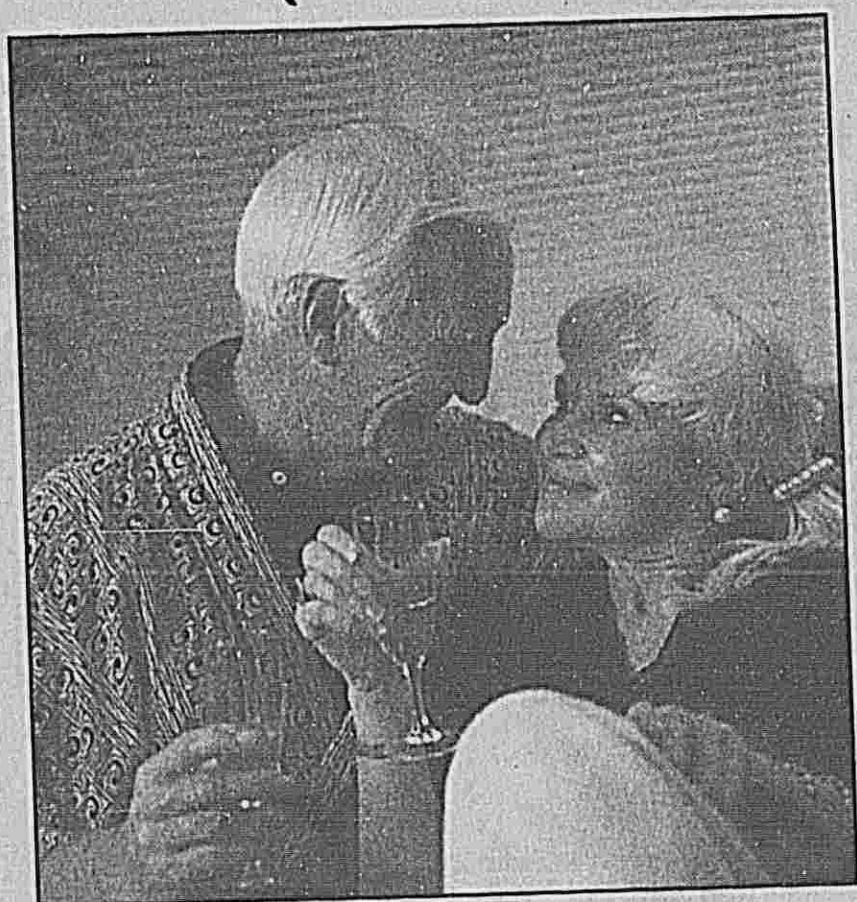


Sports Section-Dec. 3: Libertyville High School running back Kyle Nader fends off a face-mask attempt by Cary-Grove's Matt Kunz during the Wildcats' 13-3 Class 7a State Championship win in Champaign.— Photo by Sandy Bressner



Mundelein News-June 25: The weather is warm and the lawn is soft, but 11 month old Cade Rudolph of Mundelein is not to sure about crawling in the grass.— Photo by John Dickson

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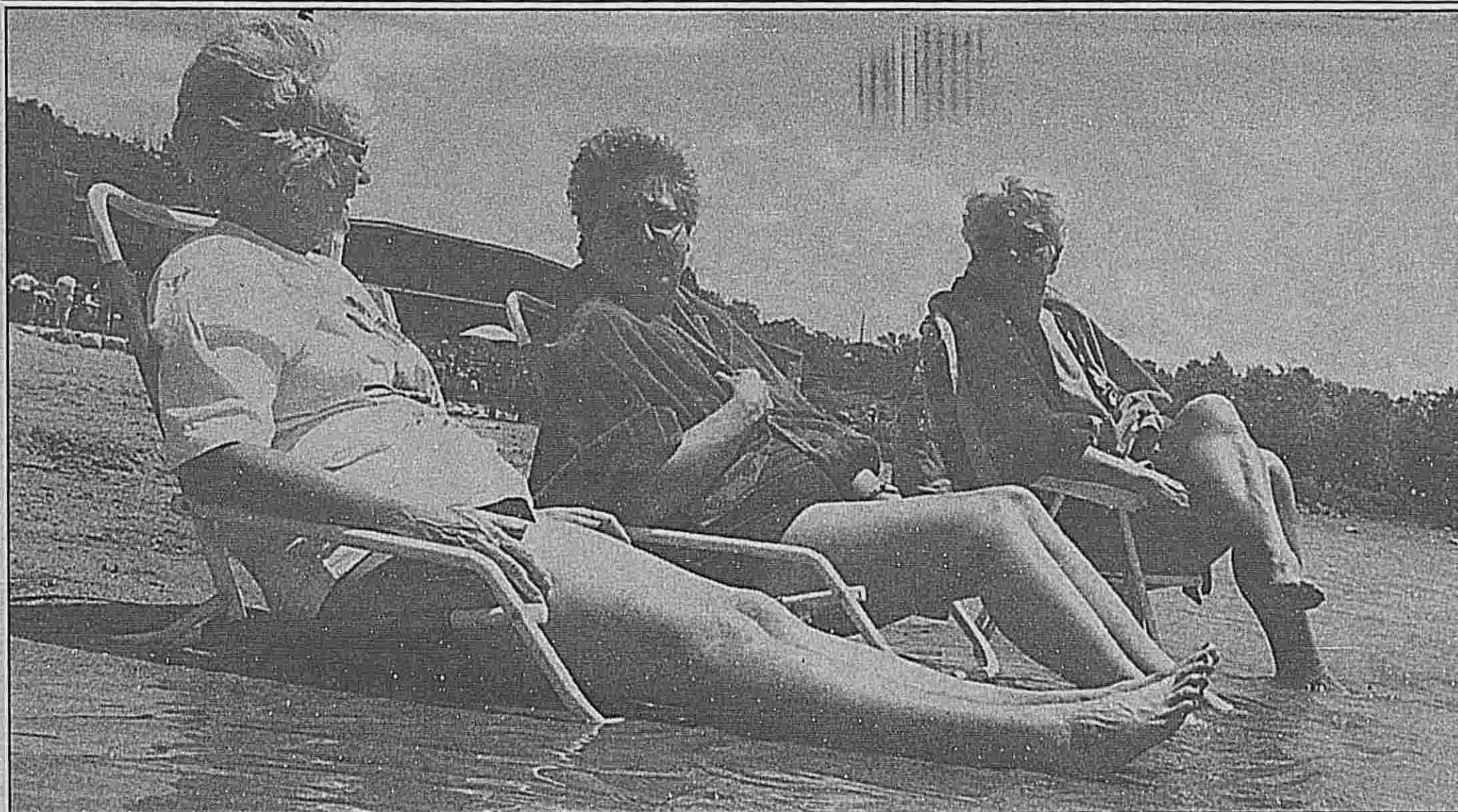
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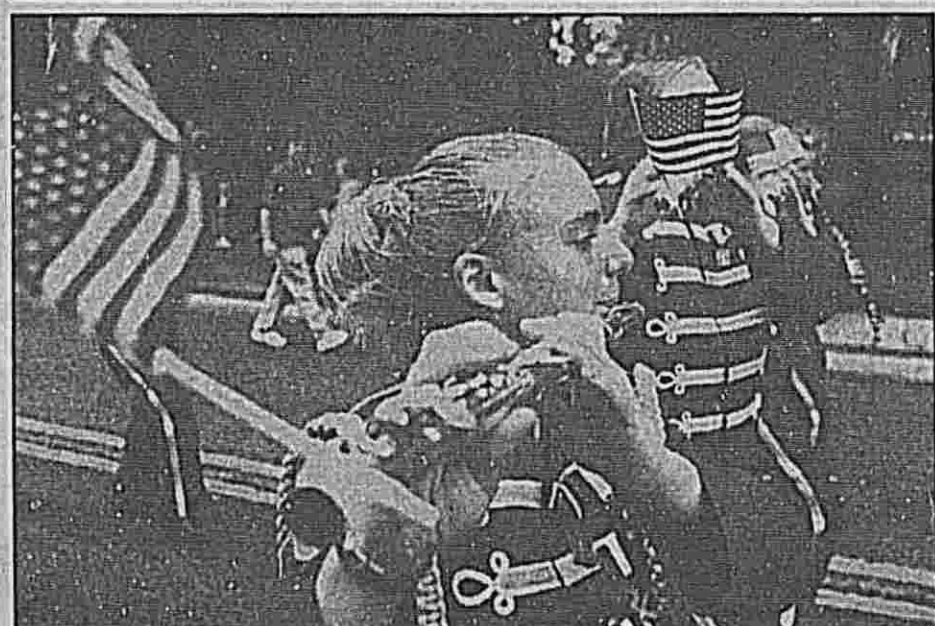
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County News-June 25: Carol Esposito, Z.C. Crunkilton and Nancy Hemstreet, all of Gurnee, cool their feet at the edge of the beach during Seniors Day at Independence Grove Forest Preserve in Libertyville. The annual event also featured pontoon boat rides, a horse-shoe tournament and a performance by the John Burnett Swing Orchestra.— Photo by Sandy Bressner



Lake Villa Record/Lindenhurst News-June 4: Kelly Plish plays the flute with the Antioch Upper Grade School Marching Band down Cedar Boulevard in downtown Lake Villa during the village's annual Memorial Day Parade.— Photo by Sandy Bressner

Sports Section-May 21: Carmel High School pitcher Emily Perrenot scrambles off of her mound after a hit for the ball during a game against Vernon Hills earlier this season.— Photo by Sandy Bressner



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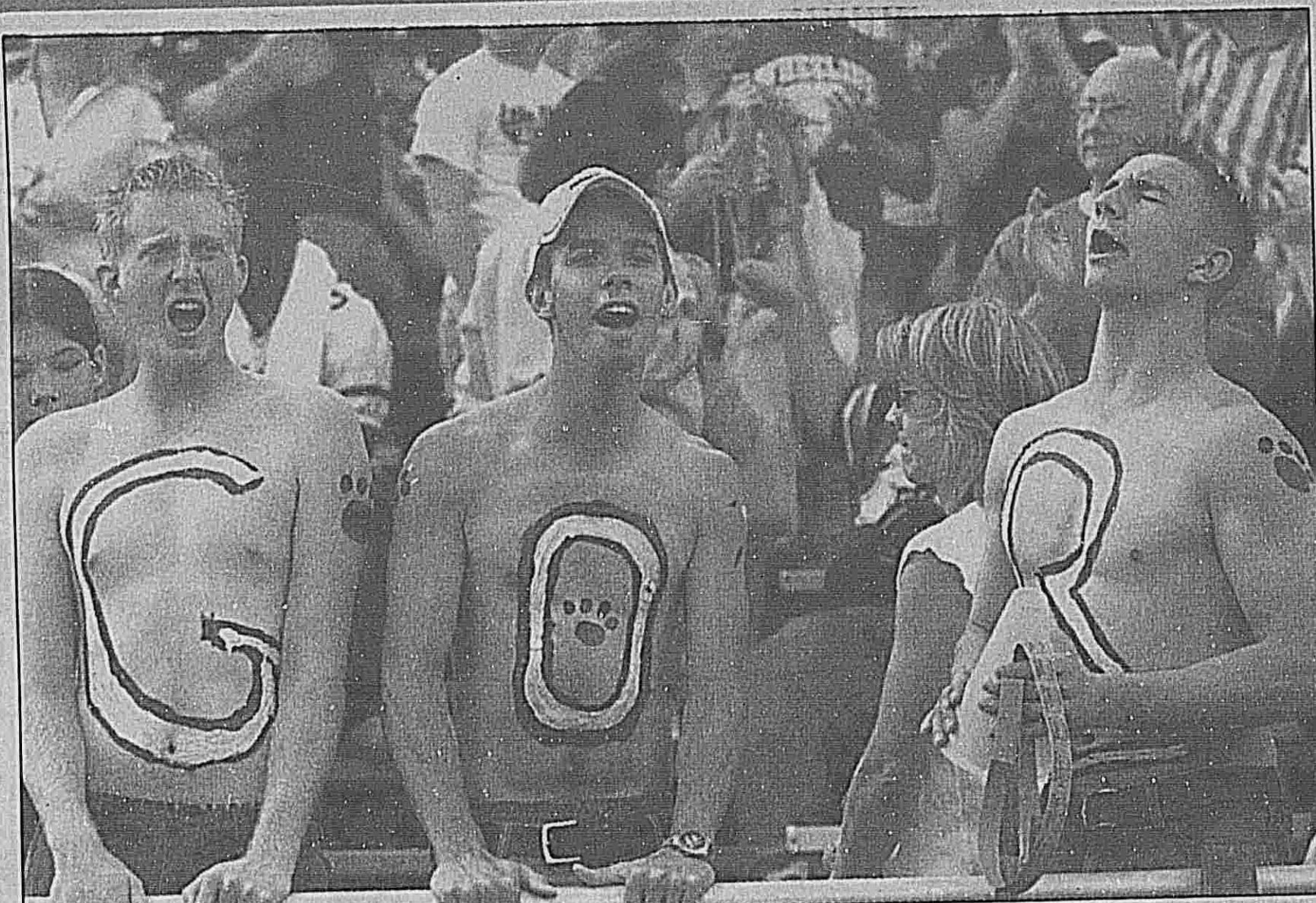
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Round Lake News-Oct. 1: Round Lake High School alumni Bob Conaway, Nick Rebel and John Melamed cheer for their Panthers during the school's homecoming football game against Wauconda. — Photo by Sandy Bressner



Gurnee Press-July 16: Mr. Six, who appears in the national advertising campaign for Six Flags Great America, made his first public appearance by riding in a trolley through Hometown Square at the Gurnee theme park. The park also hosted a look-a-like contest and a dance lesson as part of the event. — Photo by Sandy Bressner

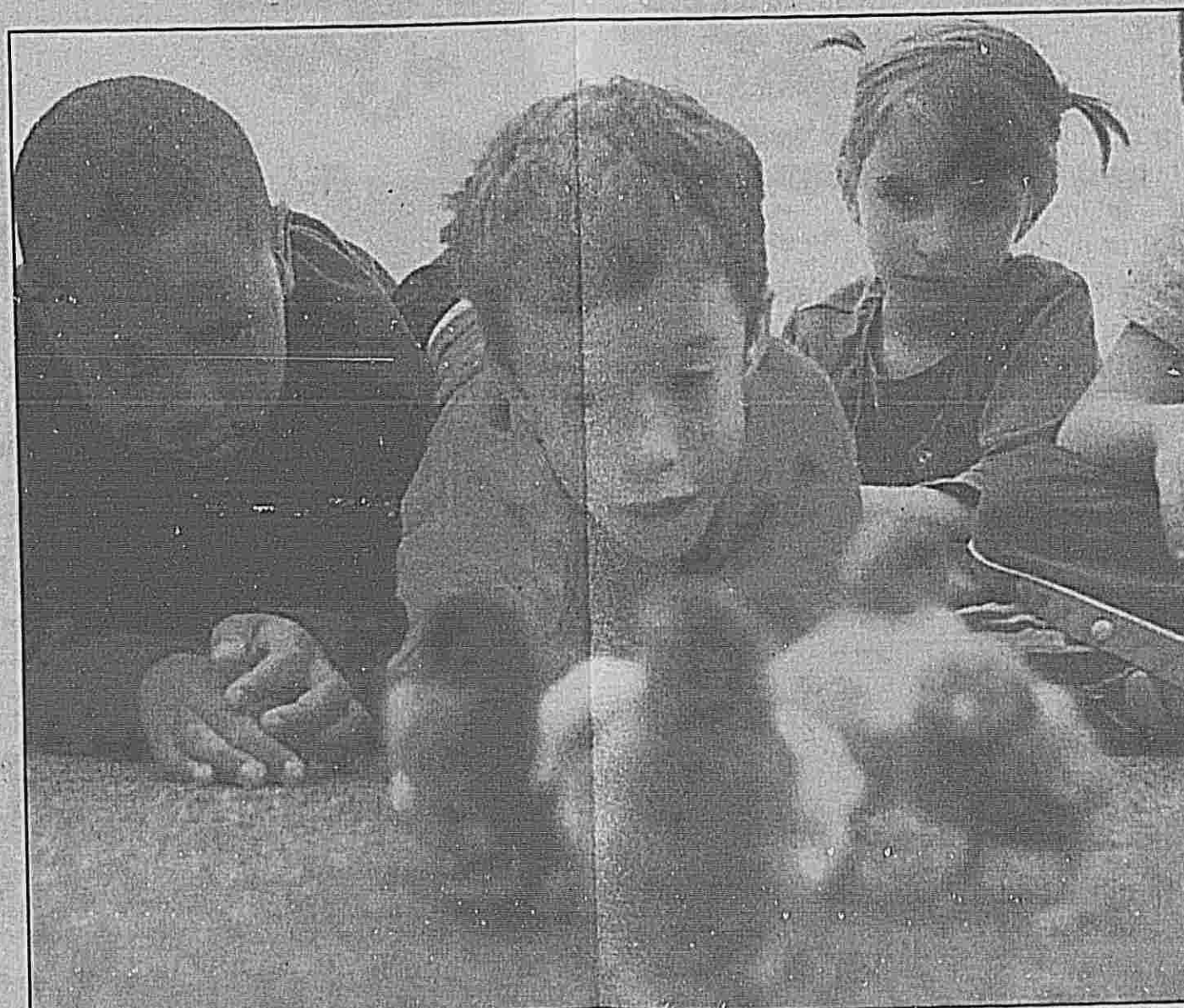


Wauconda Leader-Sept. 24: Wauconda Grade School sixth-grader Brian Kent grabs the flag of Tory Fritchey as Jamie Swanson looks on during a game of intramural flag football at the school. — Photo by Sandy Bressner



Waukegan Times-Oct. 29: Firefighters work on putting out a fire at the former Fleeta Palace and Academy Theater in downtown Waukegan. The fire allegedly began when a City of Waukegan crew removed the theater's marquee. — Photo by Sandy Bressner

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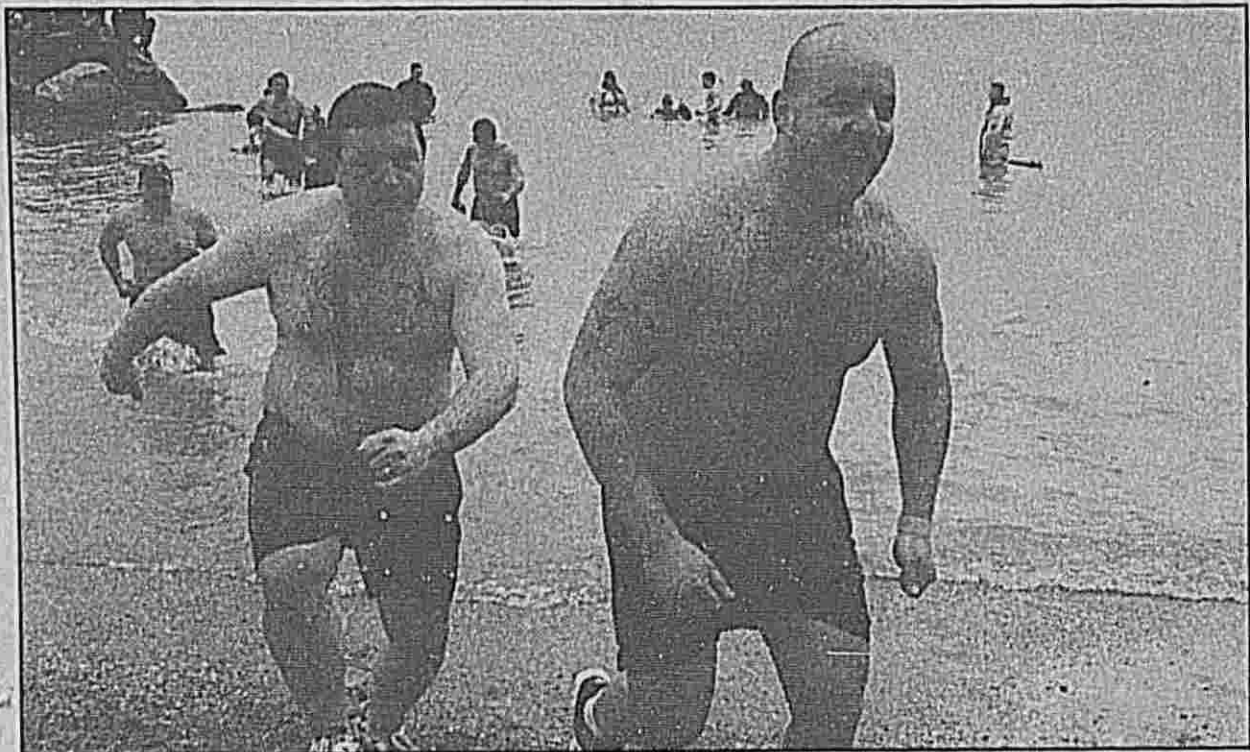
Antioch News-May 7: Hillcrest School student Liam Dooley gets up close and personal with four of the over 50 chicks and two ducks hatched in his 1st/2nd grade multi-age classroom with classmates Lamont McKenzie and Brianna Linco.



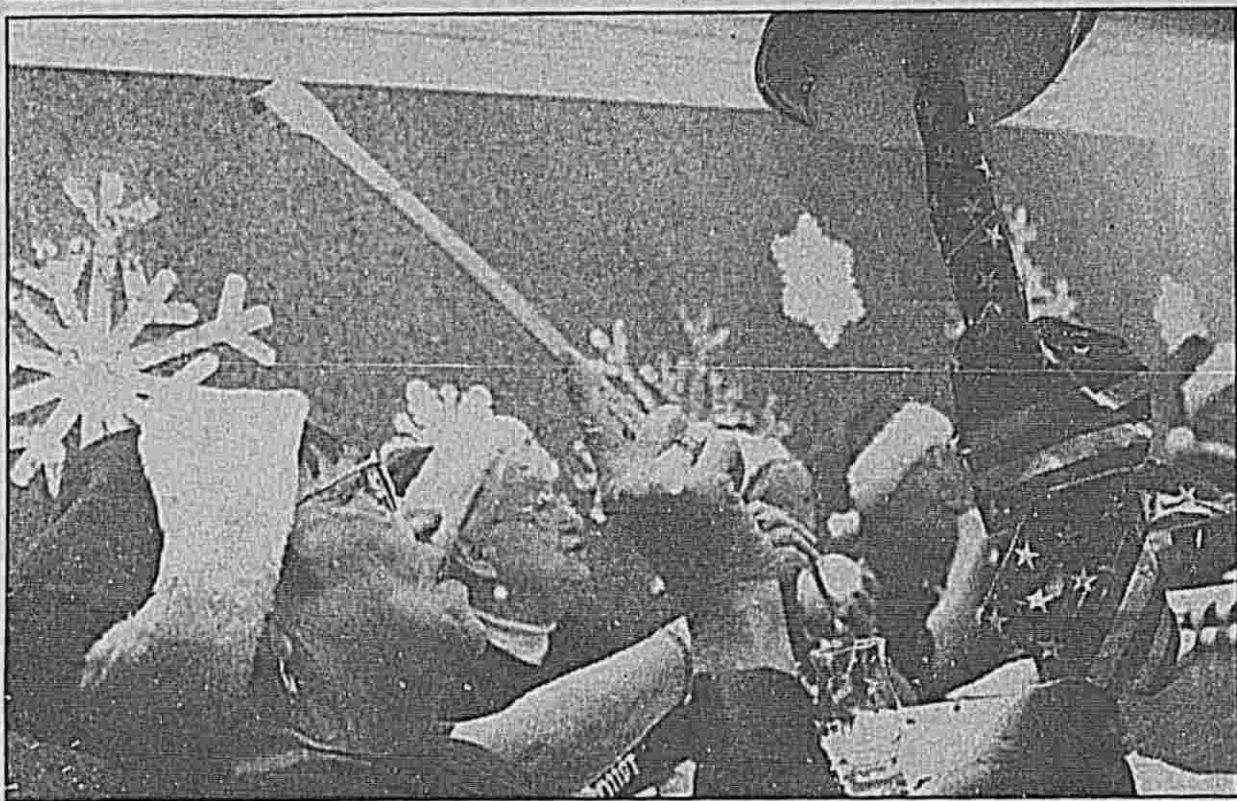
Grayslake Times-July 2: Eleven-year-old Andrew Thompson is bewildered by his opponent's move during a game of chess with Anthony Swindell, 7, at the Chess Utopia center in Grayslake. — Photo by Sandy Bressner



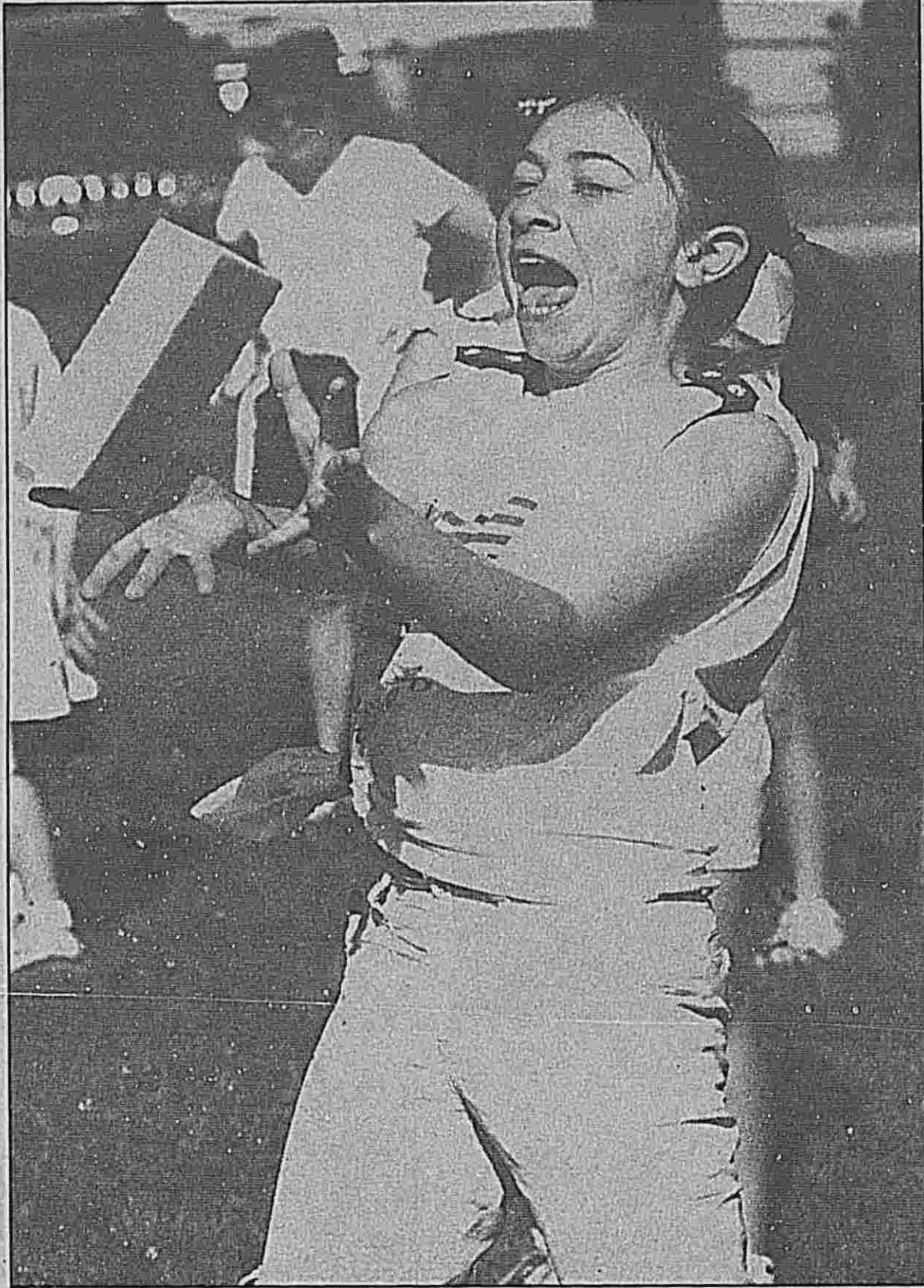
Grayslake Times-June 4: Three-year-old Jack Peterson of Grayslake keeps a firm grip on his American flag while waiting patiently with his dad, Bruce, for the start of the annual Grayslake Memorial Day Parade. — Photo by Sandy Bressner



County News-March 12: Officers Mike Scott and Gil Rivera of the Round Lake Beach Police Department emerge from the freezing waters of Lake Michigan during the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Bear Plunge at Sunrise Beach in Lake Bluff. The event is a fund-raiser for Special Olympics Illinois.— Photo by Sandy Bressner



Antloch News-Nov. 26: Shirley Messing shares the microphone with Geri Marks during a performance of the Senior Kitchen Band at the Antloch Public Library.— Photo by Sandy Bressner



Grayslake Times-June 11: Kim Gudewicz a fifth grader in St. Gilbert's school cringes as she catches a water soaked sponge in the Sponge Splash game. Gudewicz participated with the rest of her class mates during the the St. Gilbert's school field day.— Photo by John Dickson

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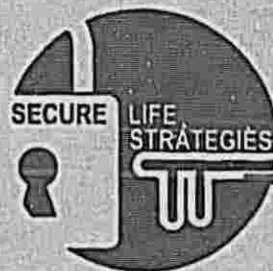
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GrayslakeTimes-Jan. 30: Catherine Kleinfen and Ronald Schultz, third-graders at St. Gilbert School in Grayslake, wait in line to have a simulated health examination during their lesson in immigration at Ellis Island.— Photo by Sandy Bressner



Gurnee Press/Wadsworth News-June 4: Kirk Morris of Gurnee helps his son, Dylan, 6, lay a wreath in honor of fallen heroes during a Memorial Day service at the Gurnee Police Facility veteran's memorial. Kirk's son, and Dylan's brother, P.F.C. Geoffrey Morris of the United States Marine Corps was killed last April while serving in Iraq.— Photo by Sandy Bressner



County News-Nov. 5: Philipp Crane (R-Wauconda) is given a kiss from his daughter, Susanna Crane. Philipp Crane was defeated in his bid for re-election by Melissa Bean (D-Barrington).— Photo by John Dickson



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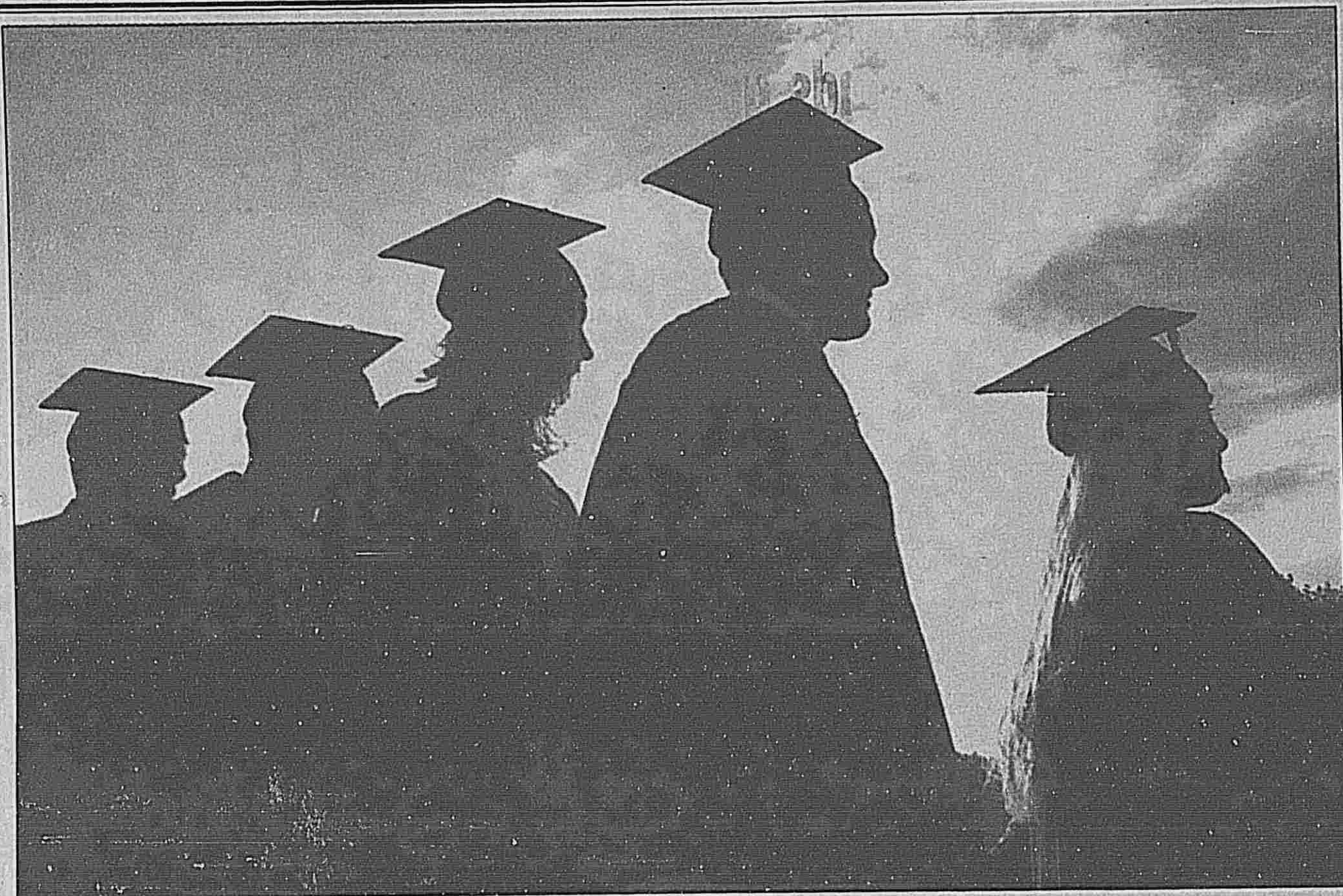
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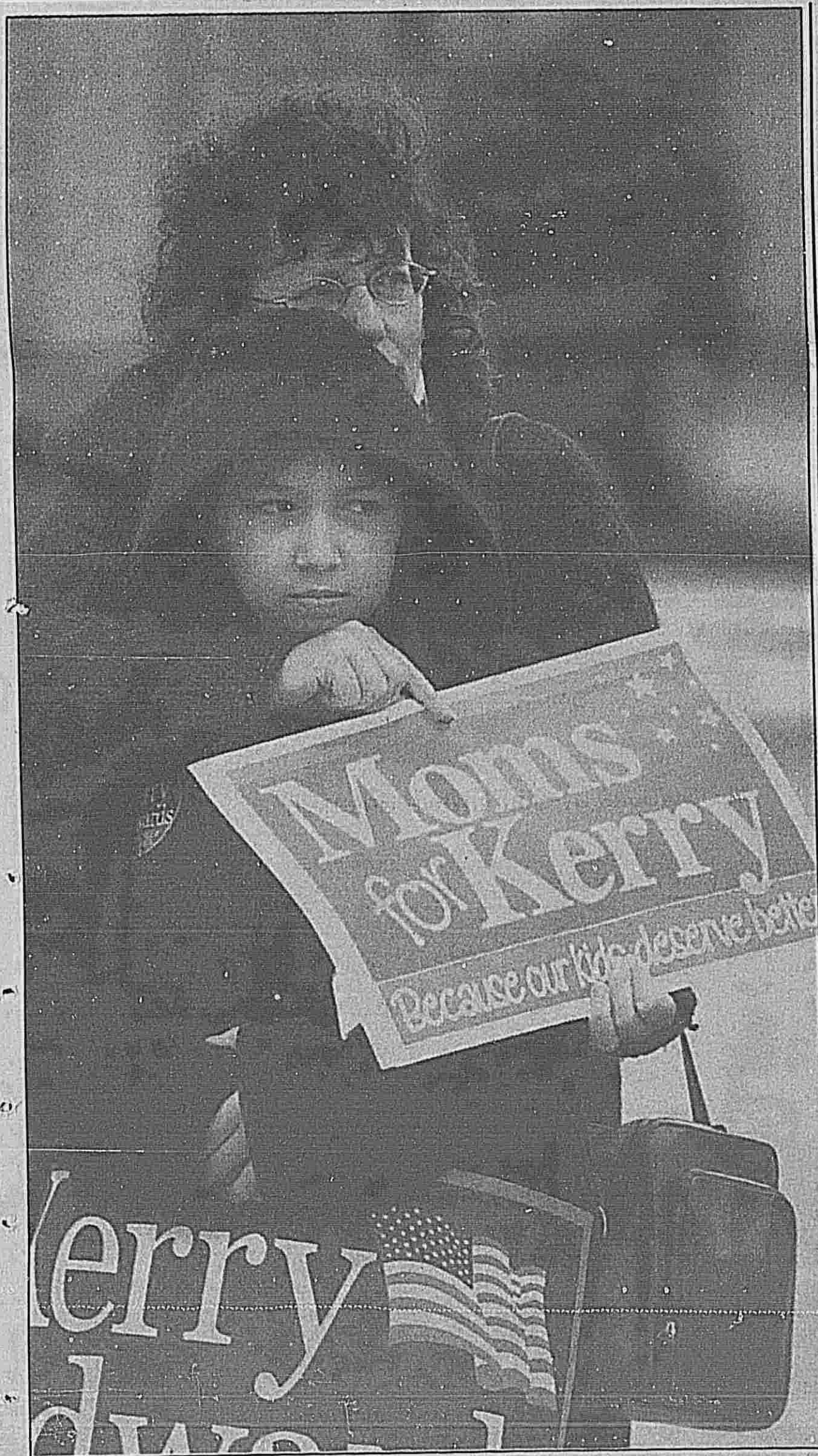
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Antloch News-June 11: Graduates wait in the setting sun to walk across the stage during Antloch Community High School's commencement ceremony on the football field.— Photo by Sandy Bressner



County New -Nov. 5: Denise Harnish embraces her daughter, Emilia Dvorak, 11, during a Moms for Kerry rally at Grayslake's Millennium Court.— Photo by Sandy Bressner



Libertyville News-Jan. 16: Sean Nolan of Libertyville sleds down the hill at Adler Park with his daughters Hayleigh, 6, and Grace, 4.— Photo by Sandy Bressner



Wauconda Leader-July 16: Mackenzie Johnson, who will turn two next October, of Wauconda holds the American flag before riders take off for a ride around Lake Michigan in her honor. Mackenzie was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia last January.— Photo by Sandy Bressner

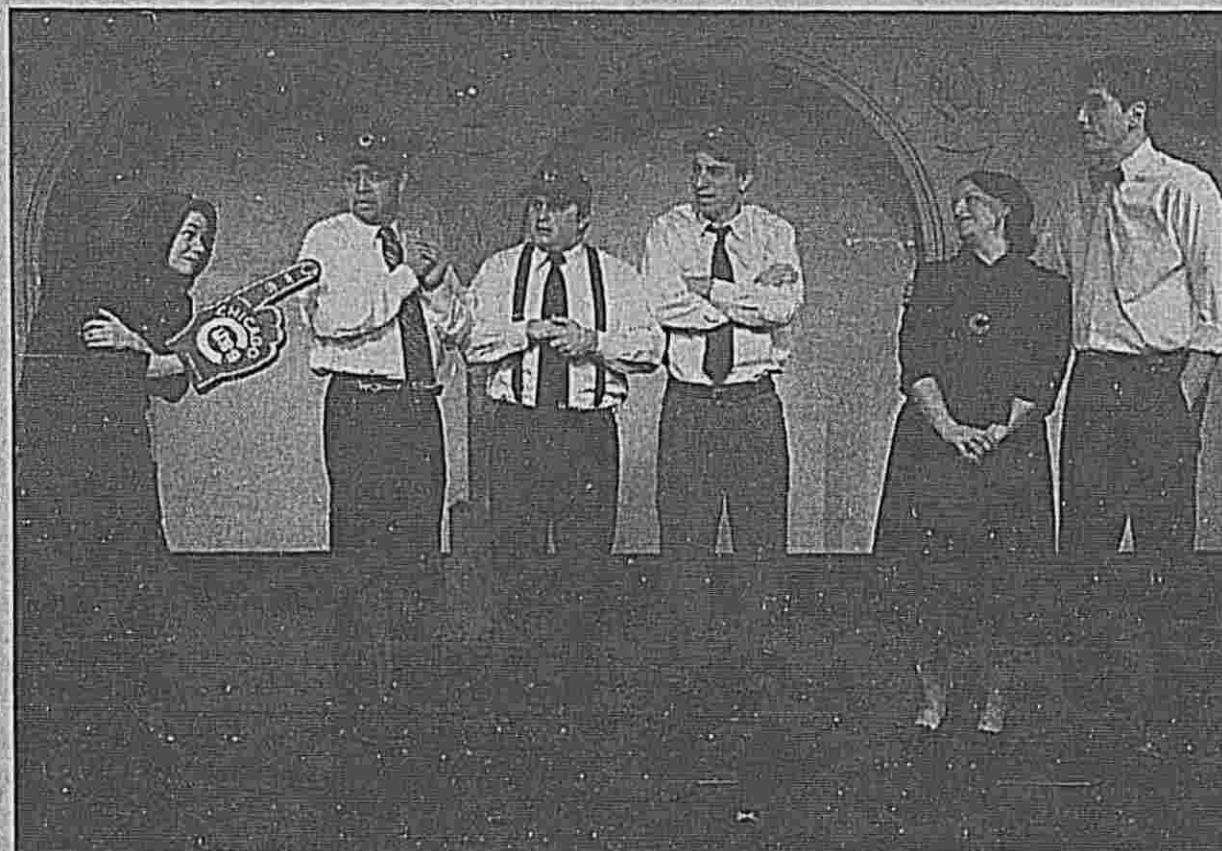
Second performance added for 'Lord of the Dance' at Genesee Theatre

Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance — the international sensation that has broken box office records in more than 30 countries — and has sold out the Feb. 15 performance at the newly renovated Genesee Theatre. A second performance will be held on Valentine's Day, Monday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the added performance, priced at \$35 to \$55, go on sale Friday, Jan. 7 at 10 a.m., and can be purchased at the Genesee Theatre Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, charge-by-phone at 312-902-1500 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

The two-hour sell out of the Feb. 15 performance of Lord of the Dance sparked enough community interest for the production to add another performance on Monday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m. "We were thrilled and overwhelmed by the public's positive response to this wonderful show," said David Rovine, general manager for the Genesee Theatre. "It is obvious that this marketplace appreciates quality entertainment and we are so pleased to be able to offer an additional performance of Lord of the Dance."



Second City etc finds gold in 'From Fear to Eternity'



The cast of Second City etc's "From Fear to Eternity" includes (from left) Rebecca Drysdale, Ithamar Enriquez, Frank Caeti, Peter Grosz, Jennifer Bills and Matt Craig.

CRITIC'S CHOICE
By TOM WITOM

Second City etc, an offshoot of The Second City, which is now celebrating its 45th anniversary in the comedy business, does itself proud with "From Fear to Eternity," a rollicking new revue that directs its satiric barbs at the war in Iraq, terror and other issues at home.

Written and performed by a highly capable six-member ensemble cast — Peter Grosz, Ithamar Enriquez, Rebecca Drysdale, Jennifer Bills, Frank Caeti and Matthew Craig — this 27th revue rocks under the direction of Sue Gillan and musical direction of Trey Stone.

It's as good, if not better, than the lively

"Red Scare" that also just opened at The Second City mainstage.

Improvisation and musical numbers are part of the performance, but the most energy is devoted to the zany, lightning-paced biting skits that become the company's trademark.

The subject matter roams all over the board — and is very topical — from politics to social interaction and political correctness to sky-high gasoline prices.

In the wake of the city's sale of the Chicago Skyway, there's a mock bidding war by huge corporations for Lake Shore Drive (one pharmaceutical manufacturer would rename it the KY Jelly Slideway), the CTA and Lincoln Park Zoo.

There's an amusing skit involving Cub

fans waiting on a chilly morning to purchase advance tickets.

Another sketch finds Bi-Partisan Man making a pitch for a fresh look for the Democratic Party. And a patient human resource manager loses his grip when confronted with an overwrought employee.

In still another sketch, alpha males make ever-more-exaggerated boasts about the capabilities and potential of their fancy cell/camera phones, though the subplot actually has more to do with their manhood than anything else. In another, a poor excuse for comics fumble to entertain the troops in Iraq.

Wordplay dominates the slick opening skit in "From Fear to Eternity" as a young couple gets to know one another over dinner. Each time they use a word with unhappy personal associations, it sets off an emotional explosion, and navigating the potential minefield proves impossible.

One of the funniest scenes takes moral values to the extreme and involved a skeptical new salesman at a fundamentalist Christian car dealership. A sun roof clinches the deal for his first customer who exclaims: "When the Rapture comes, I'm going straight on through."



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MOVIE REVIEW KEY

Disturbing Behavior

Walter (Kevin Bacon) returns

to his hometown after 12 years in prison and finds that his attempt to start a new life is challenged by the fact that no one welcomes home a pedophile.

He does get a job at a local factory because of the good work he did for the owner's father awhile back. His brother-in-law Carlos (Benjamin Bratt) is kind of okay with Walter but not with him being around his daughter. Walter's sister is still hurt by what he did and the healing, if it can take place, has a ways to go. Mary Kay (Eve), a co worker, has an eye for Walter, who comes across first as aloof, and then almost condescending when another co-worker Vickie (Kyra Sedgwick) finds the way to get his attention. Vickie thinks she has done and seen it all—a person who can't be shocked.

Most films that deal with pedophiles tend to be either silly so that it takes the edge off ("Tadpole"), or so dark that you don't want to see it ("L.I.E."). Evaluating disturbing behavior is a good way to explain what this film is about. We take an uncomfortable walk in the shoes of a pedophile that wants to reform himself but is not sure if that's possible. Then there is the viewpoint of the victim, with a scene so powerful it makes the movie. Also enlightening are the

points of view of those who know this person as a pedophile and how they react to him: as a relative, a police officer, a co-worker or a lover.

"The Woodsman" has entertainment value that stands on its own, but for anyone where sexual child abuse is an issue, this film will be therapeutic. We are pleased to see this subject addressed without sensationalism or didactic dialogue, and the characters are portrayed by well-known actors, willing to step out of their safe roles and do something a little risky.



The Woodsman

Review by
Pam & George O. Singleton
at info@reelmoviecritic.com

Cast

Kevin Bacon.....Walter
Kyra Sedgwick.....Vickie
Mos Def.....Sgt. Lucas
Benjamin Bratt.....Carlos

Directed by Nicole Kassell.
Rational look at a pedophile.
Rated R for sexuality, disturbing behavior and language. Running time: 87 minutes.

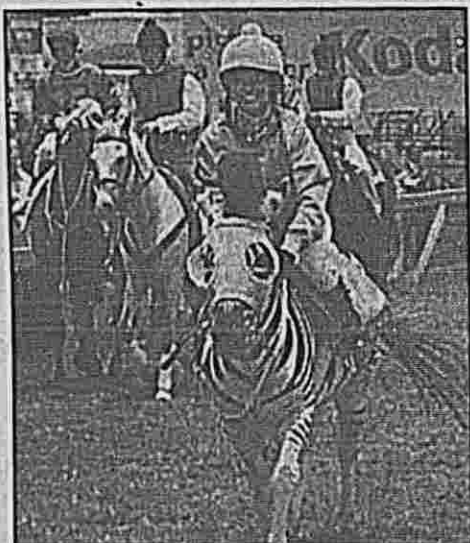
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opening this week

Racing Stripes: Here's a new kid's movie that is silly enough yet is good light amusement. A zebra (voice of Frankie Muniz) grows up confidently believing he is a racehorse. With the help of his barnyard friends and a teenage girl (Hayden Panettiere of "Raising Helen")

Stripes sets out to achieve his dream of racing with thoroughbreds. Stars Bruce Greenwood. (PG)



still playing

The Incredibles (PG)

Million Dollar Baby (PG-13)

Best Director (Clint Eastwood) as selected by the Chicago Film Critics Association. As good as "Mystic River," and not your typical boxing or sports movie.

A Very Long Engagement (R)

Best Foreign Language Film as selected by the Chicago Film Critics Association. Playing at Renaissance in Highland Park.

Ocean's Twelve (PG)

Spanglish (PG-13)

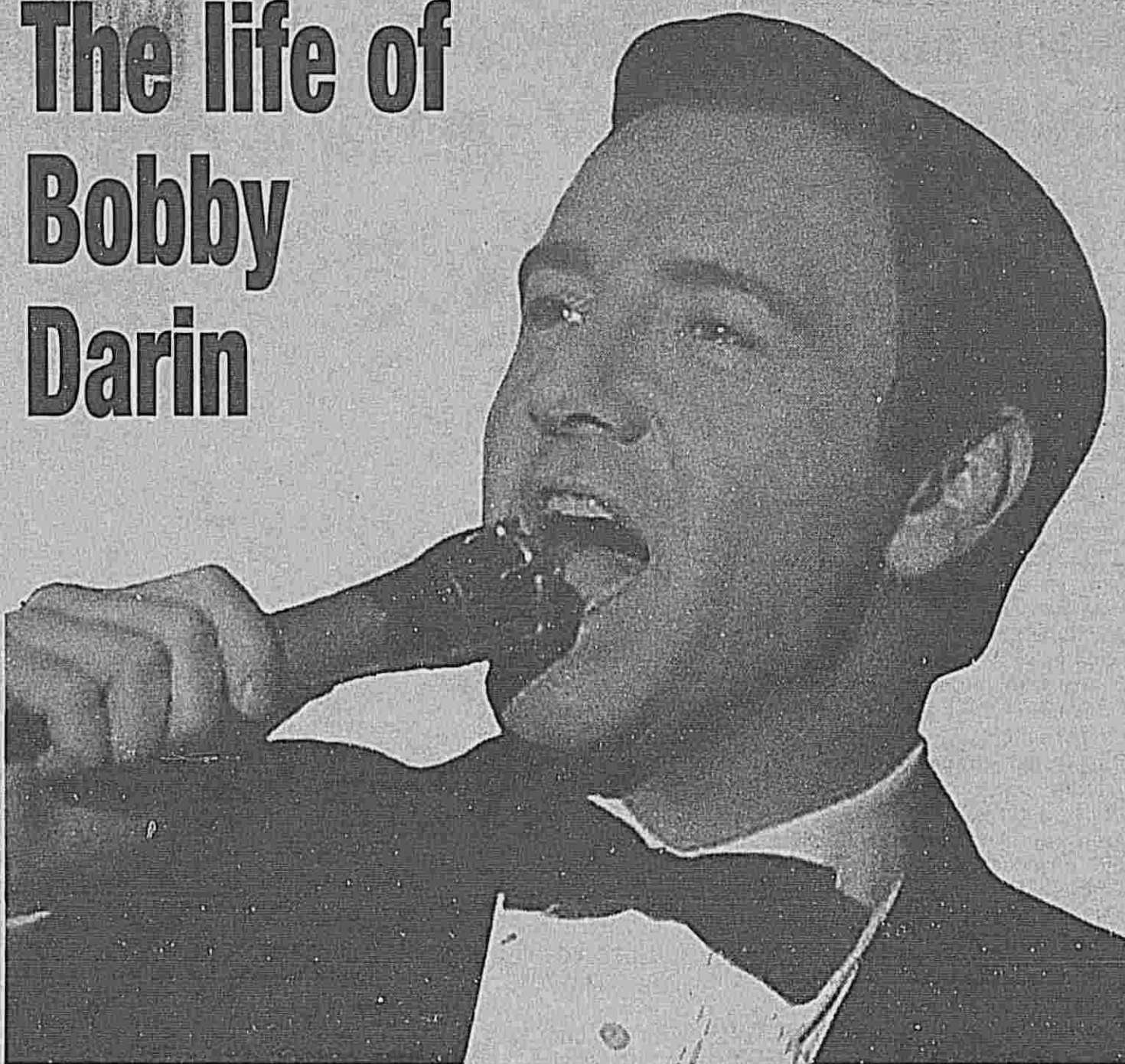
Blade: Trinity (R)

Beyond the Sea (PG-13)

Christmas with the Kranks (PG)

The Life Aquatic (R)

The life of Bobby Darin



The story arc of this biopic of Bobby Darin is much the same as "Ray" (Ray Charles) in that it takes a look at the singer's life from early childhood until well into his career. Darin had a difficult childhood, made his break into show business — as most of the best singers did — with great difficulty, had problems with his marriage and suffered ups and downs in his career. The childhood disease of Rheumatic Fever finally took its toll when Darin died from open-heart surgery in 1973, at age 37.

Darin's mother, portrayed by Brenda Blethyn, had musical talent and she instilled that love in Bobby, who eventually found his niche as a pop teen idol. On a movie set he meets and falls in love with actress Sandra Dee (Kate Bosworth), and marries her over the objections of her protective mother (Greta Scacchi). The idyllic romance turns rocky when their career goals go in different directions. Bobby wants Sandra to travel with him for his club dates, which takes her away from her sugary Hollywood teen

Beyond the Sea

Review by
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Cast

Kevin Spacey.....Bobby Darin
Kate Bosworth.....Sandra Dee
John Goodman.....Steve Blauner
Bob Odenkirk.....Charlie Cassotto Maffia

Directed by Kevin Spacey. Musical Biopic. Rated PG-13 for some strong language and a scene of sensuality. Running time: 121 minutes.

movie roles. It also would mean raising their child on the road.

For those that know that Darin hit the big time when he was 22, to see Spacey at age 44 sing and dance to "Splish Splash" is painful to

watch. When Dee's mother suggests to Bobby that he find someone his own age, it only accentuates the variance of the relationship between the two. Actually, Darin and Dee were not very far apart in age; he was 24 and she was 16 and at the top of her career. Simply put, this is a poor casting decision.

As good as the potential for this movie is on the surface, the conclusion is inescapable that a younger man in the role of Bobby Darin may have elevated the dialogue around the Oscar hype that the producers of the movie were hoping for. With a small change this would have been a far better film.

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AVIATOR (PG-13)
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FAT ALBERT (PG)
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FINDING NEVERLAND (PG)
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FINDING NEVERLAND (PG)
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Sun-Thu 12:30 2:45 5:00 7:15

FAT ALBERT (PG)
Fri/Sat 12:25 2:30 4:35 6:40 9:00
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MEET THE FOCKERS (PG-13)
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LEMONY SNICKET (PG)
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FLIGHT OF PHOENIX (PG-13)
Fri/Sat 7:20 9:45 Sun-Thu 7:20

SPANGLISH (PG-13)
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OCEAN'S TWELVE (PG-13)
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NATIONAL TREASURE (PG)
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Fat Albert (PG) 2:00, 4:15, 6:30, 8:45
Darkness (PG13) 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35
Life Aquatic (R) 1:15, 4:00, 7:05, 9:40
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Phantom of the Opera (PG13) 2:30, 5:10, 8:20
Spanglish (PG13) 1:00, 3:55, 6:55, 9:45
Lemony Snicket (PG) 12:35, 3:10, 5:45, 8:15
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Incredibles (PG) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30
Flight of the Phoenix (PG13) 7:20, 10:00
Ocean's Twelve (PG13) 12:30, 3:15, 6:00, 8:45
Blade: Trinity (R) 2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 10:00
Closer (R) 2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Incredibles (PG) 2:20, 5:00
Finding Neverland (PG) 1:45, 4:00, 7:00, 9:10
Polar Express (G) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10
National Treasure (PG) 7:30, 10:05
Ocean's Twelve (PG13)

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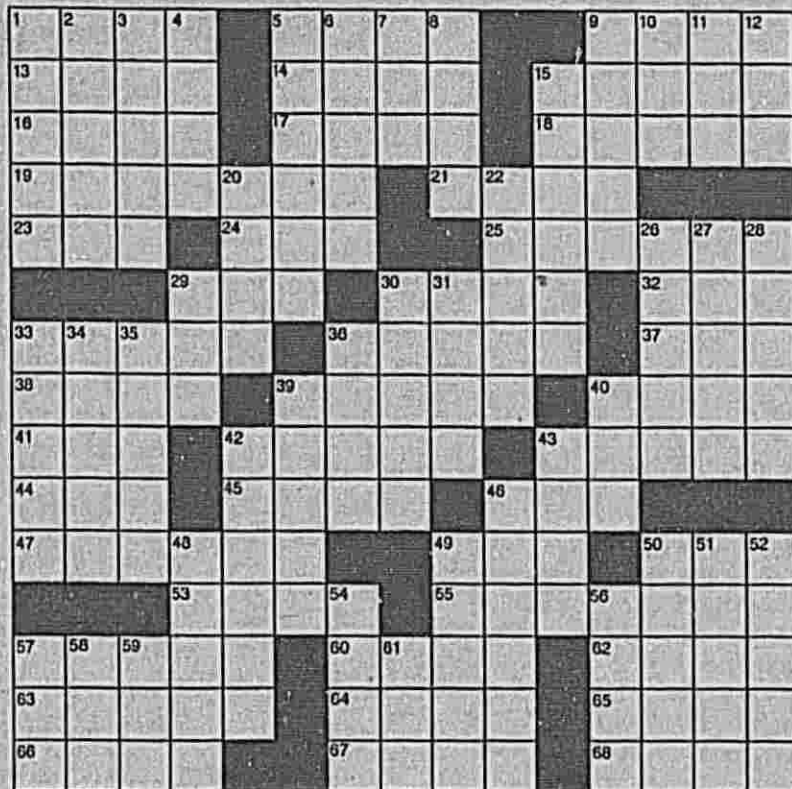
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ACROSS

1. Swiss mountains
5. Dalai _____
9. Verge
13. Underdone
14. Same
15. Shams
16. Flatten
17. Torn
18. Tiny island
19. Type of dog
21. Island
23. Extremely high frequency (abbr.)
24. Root vegetable
25. Misfortune
29. Choose
30. Afloat
32. Boxer Mohammad
33. Fish-tank growth
36. Delating to a Duke
37. Rive
38. Shoddy
39. English architecture style
40. Compass pt.
41. Not amateur
42. Circle, as in planets
43. Muggy
44. Gent
45. Decay
46. Caustic substance
47. Low ranking officer
49. Baby goat
50. Expert
53. Bog
55. Sated
57. Permanent mark
60. Past
62. Anthem
63. Epics
64. Water pitcher
65. Choose
66. Bound
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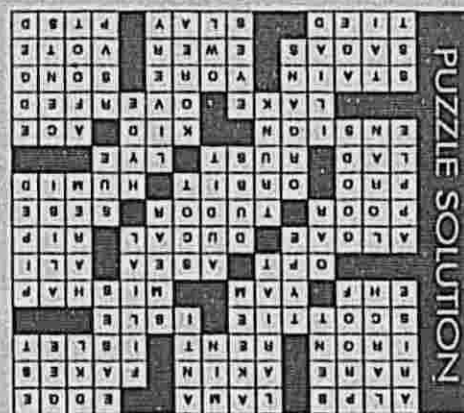
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1. Get out of bed
2. Pine tree
3. Impression
4. Mailed
5. Lasso



6. BB Player Abdul-Olajuwon
7. Not max
8. Negative (prefix)
9. Comforts
10. 10 liters, abbr.
11. "To the right"
12. Time zone, abbr.
15. Relating to a child
20. Font
22. Slander
26. Group of royal wives
27. Defense
28. Spoke up
29. Paddle
30. Inspect
31. Resident of Aberdeen
33. Fruit
34. Navigation system
35. Wares
36. Names
39. Locker
40. Take to court
42. Offal
43. _____ Park, London
46. Type of stable

48. Book by Homer
49. North and South _____
50. In progress
51. Pennies
52. Sharp
54. Sight organs
56. Please respond
57. Past plane
58. Thai
59. Ripen
61. Night bird



PUZZLE SOLUTION



'Vive le difference'

Ars Antigua (Jerry Fuller, director) combines forces with the Indianapolis-based Ensemble Voltaire in a program of French and Italian Baroque music on Sunday, Jan. 9, at 4 p.m. at the Byron Colby Barn, located at 1561 Jones Point Road in Grayslake. Tickets are \$15. Children under 16 are free. For information and to reserve tickets, call 847-543-1202.

Ensemble Voltaire is, left to right, Thomas Gerber, harpsichord; Christopher Verrette, violin; Barbara Kallaur, flute; John Abberger, oboe; and Elizabeth MacDonald, viola da gamba.

HOROSCOPE

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

You've been feeling out of sorts, and it's likely due to the change of weather. Consecutive days of winter can turn normally boisterous spirits around. Hang out with friends.



CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Last year was tough financially, but you'll soon see progress in the weeks to come. A business venture presents itself on Wednesday. Keep your eyes and ears open!



LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

A big test is on the horizon, and you hope you'll pass with flying colors. Others have faith in you, but it's important to have faith in yourself. The stars will guide your efforts.



CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

A relationship solidifies even further this week, Capricorn. Singles, you may have met your ultimate love match. Couples, you rekindle a waning sense of intimacy.



TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

You have a tendency to think your way is always the right way. You have to be flexible sometimes, Taurus, especially in matters of love that spring up later in the week.



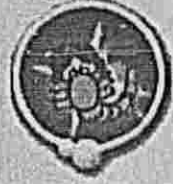
LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Be the center of the party in all things you do this week, Leo. Others will look to you for inspiration and motivation. Just be careful not to scare shy admirers away with your bravado.



SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

A new member of the family will come into your life, and you're not sure if you want to share the spotlight. Put others first for once, Scorpio, and you'll like the results.



AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

You've been inspired to action, Aquarius. No stranger to fights and causes, you're ready to sink your teeth into this challenge. Expect opposition from loved ones.



GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

On the fence about an important decision? Let a steady sign like Libra help you through. He or she can clear up any questions you may have and work through your anxiety.



VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

If you've been thinking about making any rash purchases, Virgo, best to think again. Consult with family members who understand your impetuous nature and can keep you grounded.



SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

You've been taking more gambles with your finances than usual, Sagittarius. It's best if you slow down for a while and follow a more secure path of action.



PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

A stranger arrives without warning, Pisces, and turns your organized life topsy-turvy. You may find you enjoy the change.



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Artists wanted

Deadline for the 8th annual Highland Park Festival of Fine Craft is Jan. 28. Entries of five slides (four of your work, one of your booth) need to be post marked with a \$25 check to the Suburban Fine Arts Center, 1957 Sheridan Rd., Highland Park, IL 60035.

Jury for this high quality craft show (ceramics, fiber, furniture, glass, mixed media, paper, sculpture, jewelry, stone and wood) includes jeweler Deb Karash, ceramist Heidi Ross, art consultant Teny Sweig and C.T. Whitehouse, sculptor.

Booth fee is \$350 and the show will be held on Sheridan Road on Saturday and Sunday, June 25-26. For more information, call 847-432-1888.

Pageant

Search for Mrs. Illinois

Marcie Aceto, the Illinois Director for the Mrs. Illinois America Pageant system is announcing that the search is still on for Mrs. Illinois. Once selected, the community representative will then advance on to compete in the Mrs. Illinois America Pageant held this year in the beautiful Hemmens Theatre in Elgin on April 30-May 1. Contestants will compete to win thousands in prizes, one of which includes paid trip for 15 days to Palm Springs, Cal., to compete for Mrs. America at the Magnificent Riviera Resort.

Interested applicants must live or work in the Illinois area, must be married during the time of competition, a resident of the state for at least six months, a U.S. Citizen and be at least 18 years old. There is no age limit or performing talent.

Prospective contestants can request and receive free entry information by contacting Karen at 630-325-5509.

Theater

'Les Misérables' Jan. 8

An excursion to see "Les Misérables" on Saturday, Jan. 8, will be sponsored by the College of Lake County Student Activities Board. A bus will leave the Grayslake campus at noon for a matinee performance at Milwaukee's Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. The cost for the trip, which includes transportation and an orchestra seating ticket, is \$79 for the general public or \$75 with the CLC discount.

For more information on the excursion, call 847-543-2290. To register for the trip, call the CLC Box Office, 847-543-2300 or stop by the CLC Box Office, located in the James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts on CLC's Grayslake Campus.

Luncheon

BCLOC luncheon

The Barrington Chapter of Lyric Opera of Chicago (BCLOC) invites members and guests to enjoy an afternoon with Babs Lieberman, a nationally acclaimed speaker on opera. The program will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 9 at the Barrington Area Arts Council, 121 Barrington Commons Court, Barrington.

Lieberman will entertain with vignettes on eccentric divas and tenors. As a friend of Luciano Pavarotti, she will give personal insight into the tempestuous life of "Uncle Louie," both the man and the tenor.

Following the program, Toni Savadel from Carpentersville, second vice-president in charge of programs, graciously assisted by hospitality co-chairs Mary Green and Elaine Matouski from

Barrington, will serve wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Members fee is \$20, while guests are \$25. Reservations should be made by Jan. 4. Please make checks payable to BCLOC and send to Susan Obermaier, 198 Farmgate Drive, Schaumburg, IL 60193-2847.

For information on BCLOC, phone 847-985-0837 or visit the Web site at www.lyric-opera.org.

Shows

'Rediscover. Reinvent. Renew.'

Five businesses will be hosting a traveling resource event throughout Lake County in January, to help make those resolutions reality in 2005.

Edward Jones, financial fitness; Trager Touch, massage; Arbonne International, skin care; Miss Fit Complete, wellness coach; and Few Chore Forms, Inc., life and business coach, all will offer methods and products to help you lose weight, gain financial success, reduce stress and look great.

Dates are Thursday, Jan. 13, 5-9 p.m. at Marriot Lincolnshire; Saturday, Jan. 15, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Grayslake Library; Thursday, Jan. 27, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Libertyville Civic Center; and Saturday, Jan. 29, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Victory Memorial Hospital in Waukegan. Call for reservations, 847-543-1537.

Greenbelt hosts bridal show

Calling all brides! The Greenbelt Cultural Center's second annual bridal show will be held on Sunday, Jan. 9 from 3-6 p.m. The registration fee is \$2 per person and includes admission to the show and refreshments. The first 20 people to register will receive a free bridal handbook - the perfect guide to plan your event. Call the Greenbelt Cultural Center at 847-968-3477 and register today!

At the show, you'll get the lowdown on the latest fashions, hair styles, floral arrangements, cakes, and everything else you need to make your day memorable. Prize drawings will be held throughout the day.

The Greenbelt Cultural Center is located in the Greenbelt Forest Preserve on the east side of Greenbay Road (Route 131), south of Belvidere (Route 120), east of Route 41, near Waukegan and North Chicago.

Club

Snowmobilers: Ride responsibly

The Wauconda Snowmobile Club would like to notify all snowmobilers in the Wauconda area that their snowmobile trails are ready for you. Thanks to the Wauconda Park District, the trail has been reestablished through Cook Park, and other snowmobile routes from the village limits to and from Bangs Lake are being worked out with the village, police chief and others. Call the Lake County Forest Preserve's Winter Sports Conditions Hotline at 847-968-3235 for more information.

The Wauconda Snowmobile Club would like to remind you of the following rules:

- No snowmobiling without sufficient snow. (4 inches of snow required for riding)
- Stay on marked trails and do not trespass or ride where prohibited. Respect landowners property and rights.
- Protect living trees, shrubs and other natural features. Do not chase or harass wildlife.

All snowmobilers who are interested in snowmobile trails and meeting other snowmobilers in the Wauconda area are invited to the next meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 12 at Castaways Restaurant on Rt. 176 in Wauconda. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Attending the club meetings will also let you know about other snowmobile activities such as trips, races, Kitty Cat and Mini-sled events, conventions, snow shows, dances and organized rides. You will also learn about the latest changes in snowmobile laws.

The Wauconda Snowmobile Club meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Castaways Restaurant at 313 E. Liberty St. (Rt. 176), Wauconda, IL at 7:30 p.m. during the snow season.

Visit the club on the web at www.ilsnowmobile.com/clubs/wsc.htm.

Natural SCENE

To obtain a volunteer application, set up an interview, or for further information on getting involved with Volo Bog, please contact Volo Bog State Natural Area at 815-344-1294. Volo Bog State Natural Area is an Illinois Department of Natural Resources site located in Ingleside, Illinois west off Highway 12 between State Routes 120 and 134.

About the Volo Bog State Natural Area

The current landscape of the northeast corner of Illinois was shaped principally by glacial activity thousands of years ago. As the climate continued to warm, the ice blocks melted, forming depressions which developed into lakes, bogs and marshes. Volo Bog was originally a deep 50-acre lake, with steep banks and poor drainage. Research on pollen grains preserved in the bog indicates that the lake began filling with vegetation approximately 6,000 years ago. A floating mat, consisting primarily of sphagnum moss formed around the outside edges among the cattails and sedges. Volo Bog is significant in that it exhibits all stages of bog succession.

Each season brings its own beauty and wonder to Volo Bog and seasonal visits allow for observation of a wide variety of plant and animal life. In the spring, fern fiddleheads reveal their beautiful fronds. Bog buckbean and leatherleaf bloom in abundance. A great variety of songbirds, waterfowl and wading birds stop by as they migrate north to their summer nesting areas.

Friends of Volo Bog offering scholarships

The Friends of Volo Bog are offering two scholarships for \$1,000 each. One scholarship is for an outstanding Lake or McHenry County high school senior interested in pursuing an environmental career. The second scholarship is for Lake or McHenry County high school graduate who is currently pursuing an education in an environmental field of study at an accredited college or university. The Friends of Volo Bog is a not-for-profit organization, dedicated to the preservation of the area's natural heritage, maintenance of site facilities, and advancement of educational programming at Volo Bog State Natural Area.

To be eligible for the high school senior scholarship, the applicant must reside in Lake or McHenry County, attend a Lake or McHenry County high school, have a minimum B average for the first three years, and plan to attend an accredited college or university. The applicant should be planning to enter a career directly related to preserving the environment.

To be eligible for the college/university scholarship the applicant must have a permanent residence in Lake County or McHenry County, must have graduated from a Lake County or McHenry County high school with a minimum B average, be currently enrolled in an accredited college or university, and have a minimum B average. The applicant should be planning to enter a career directly related to preserving the environment.

Applications will be accepted through Feb. 18. Application packets are available at high school guidance offices or Volo Bog State Natural Area, 28478 W. Brandenburg Road in Ingleside, or call 815-344-1294.

Volo Bog events

Guided Tours of Volo Bog a Delight in Winter
Saturdays & Sundays, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Winter is a beautiful time to take a tour of Volo Bog. Leatherleaf, pitcher plants, tamarack and other plants of the bog have fascinating winter ecologies. Signs of deer, rabbit & raccoons abound; mink, coy-

ote & owls leave signs for more careful observers. No reservations are required for individuals and small groups to attend these one-hour tours. Groups of 10+, please phone for special arrangements.

All ages welcome! Volo Bog State Natural Area, an Illinois Department of Natural Resources site in Ingleside, Illinois, can be reached at 815-344-1294.

Bird Walks

Saturday, Jan. 8, 8 a.m.

Winter birding is a great way to get out of the house and enjoy the season. Join Randy Schietzelt or Joel Orlinsky, volunteers from McHenry County Audubon, on a winter bird hike at Volo Bog. Some birds stick around while a few come down from the north. The bare trees make viewing easier and the small number of species doesn't overwhelm beginning birders. So, bring a friend, binoculars and field guides or borrow from Volo Bog! Open to individuals and families; ages 6 to adult are welcome. Reservations are required; please phone 815-344-1294 or email volo bog@imaxx.net. Please tell how many people and if children are included, please tell the age of the youngest participant. Ameritech Relay for the Hearing Impaired is 800-526-0844.

WINTERFEST - An Open House

Sunday, Jan. 9, noon - 4 p.m.

Returning to WinterFest are long-time favorites Steve & Sylvia Francois. Performing favorite folk and sing-a-long songs fun for the whole family, the Francois are a real treasure at Volo Bog. They have been featured performers at WinterFest and opening musicians at Ghost Stories.

Also returning to share sets with Steve & Sylvia is Native American Flutist Michael Reichart. A student of well-known artists, Michael's mastery of his hand-made wooden flutes is magnificent; he'll take the listener on an ethereal journey of the spirit. Michael will have CDS for sale.

Between music sets, the Volo Bog Photo Contest winners will be announced. Bog tours, winter art projects, scavenger hunts, and...snow permitting, snow sculpting contests, & XC-skiing will all add to the day. Bring friends and family for the day of activities, warm up with a hot cup of cider and get "outa da house!" All ages are welcome to WinterFest Open House. For further information, please phone 815-344-1294. Ameritech Relay for the Hearing Impaired is 800-526-0844.

Icefishing maps

Ice fishermen, no more cutting through a foot of ice to find only inches of water. An index catalog listing Wisconsin's mapped lakes is available.

A lake map is actually a hydrographic chart, showing the various depths of a lake, along with other information that is desirable for fishing, such as the lake bottom type (mud, sand, gravel, etc.).

The index catalog is available at no charge by sending a self-addressed stamped (\$60) No. 10 business envelope to Wisconsin Ice Fishing, Box 5096, Madison WI 53705-0096.

A mid-winter escape

After the glitter and glamour of the holidays has worn thin, families love to head to the rock — Starved Rock State Park.

Starved Rock is one of the most beautiful state parks in the Midwest. During the winter, especially on a weekday, it feels as though you can have the park to yourself—except for the eagles! Whereas most birds head south for the winter, the bald eagles of Canada consider Illinois the balmy south. The lock and dam at Starved Rock keeps the water open and churns up food to feed the eagles who flock to the rock.

This year the Lodge is conducting Bald Eagle Tours in January and February. Visitors can ride a Starved Rock Trolley to the Illinois Waterway Visitor Center for eagle viewing and a presentation, and return to the Lodge for lunch in the Dining Room. For more information about these and other lodge sponsored activities please call 800-868-ROCK or visit them on the web at www.starvedrocklodge.com.

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Q: "What is your New
Years' resolution?"

By Sandy Bressner and John Dickson



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"My resolution
is to break last
year's resolution."



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CONNORS
Antioch

"To keep it
simple. To try
and keep
everything on a
simple level."



LUCY
COPADO
Waukegan

"I didn't make
one, because
I usually don't
keep them."



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Waukegan

"To be more
organized about
my finances. To
control it
more."



NICHOLAS
BINGHAM
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"My New
Year's resolution
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ask Mom for
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FIRST BABY

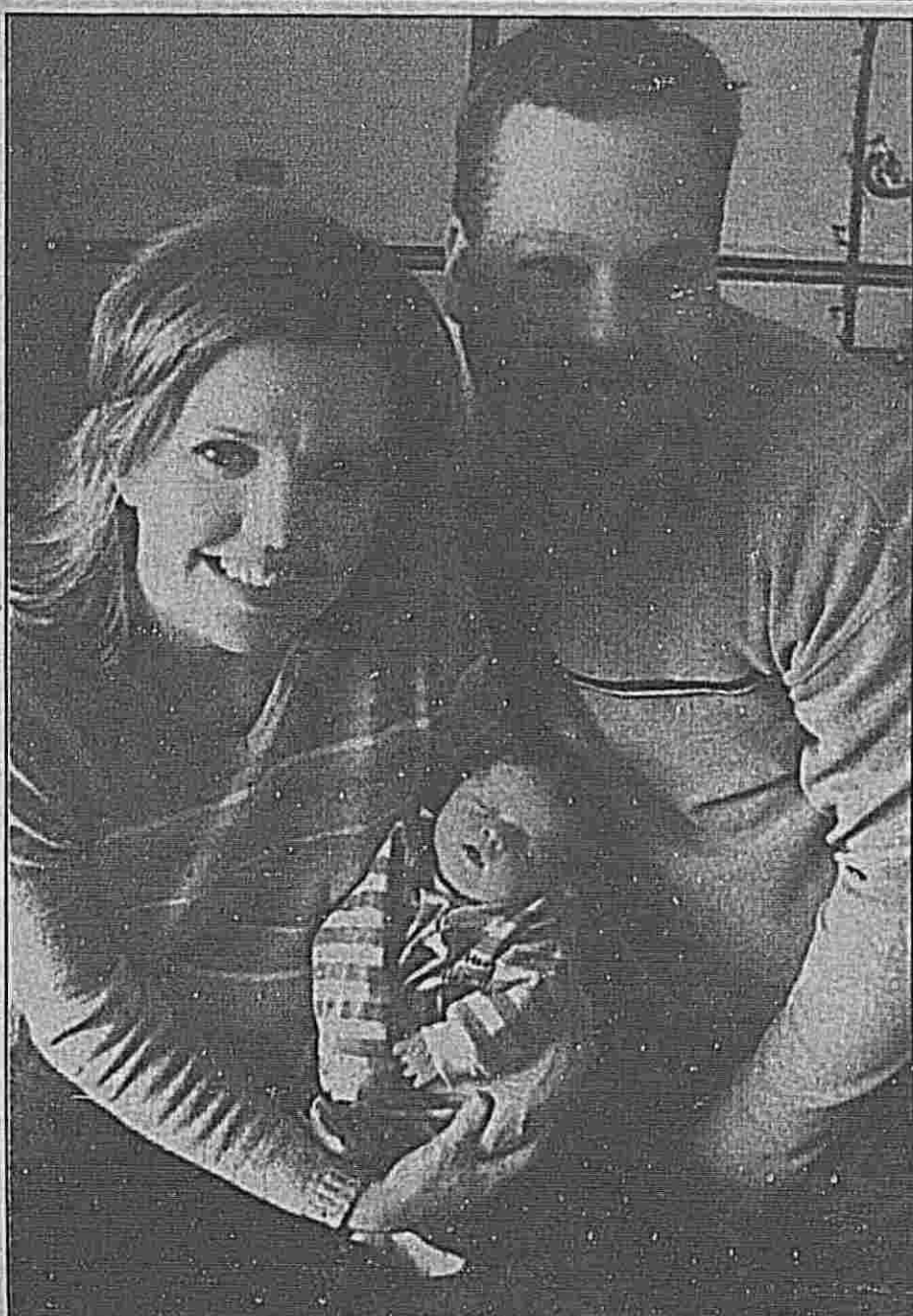


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Heather Havert and Dan Lamb relax in their Antioch home with baby Payton Cerrano Lamb, who was the first baby of the new year in Lake County. Payton was born at 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 1 at Lake Forest Hospital.

Mitzvah man

Yisroel Stefansky's mission to help
Israeli victims comes to area

By Brenda Balin

Staff Reporter

"Mitzvah" is a Hebrew word often misunderstood. Many people think it means "a good deed" or "a blessing." It means far more.

To some, it means "commandment," and the good that follows is considered God's intention.

For Yisroel Stefansky, a 25-year-old Israeli, it is a mitzvah to care for both the living and the dead.

In 1995, he founded an all-volunteer group called ZAKA, an acronym for Zihui Korbanot Ason, which translates as "Identification of Victims of Disaster."

ZAKA's mission is to recover bodies and parts of bodies to accord proper burial rites to victims of both natural and unnatural disasters.

"When I was 15, I saw a bus blow up on my way to school," Stefansky said. The experience compelled him to try to help. ZAKA grew informally as more people were inspired to help.

ZAKA's 800-1,000 members, clad in yellow vests they call

"ephod," named after the vestments of ancient Hebrew priests, work at scenes as diverse as a bus bombing in Israel and, most recently, in Thailand, helping locate remains following the devastation of the tsunami.

Stefansky also participated in recovery efforts following the crash of the space shuttle Columbia.

"If this kind of work is not in your blood to do, you burn out," Stefansky said. "After a while, some people don't come back."

On Saturday, Jan. 8, at 10:30 a.m., Stefansky will be visiting B'nai Ohr, a Messianic Jewish congregation that meets at St. Mark Lutheran Church, at 1822 E. Grand Ave., in Lindenhurst.

The public is invited to attend to hear Stefansky discuss his experiences, as well as his latest project, with an emphasis on helping the living.

He is trying to raise awareness of the Israel Support Fund, providing educational, medical and financial assistance in the wake of terrorism.

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Teen's heroin overdose ruled a homicide

By Nicholas Alajakis

Staff Reporter

A Waukegan man is behind bars and a Winthrop Harbor teen is dead, following a heroin overdose last month.

Last week police in Winthrop Harbor, along with members of the Lake County Metropolitan Enforcement Group arrested Kenneth Karl Kokko, 51, of 1640 Dickinson St., Waukegan in connection with the death of Jarrod Mihaljevic, 18, of Winthrop Harbor.

Kokko, the alleged dealer who sold heroin to Mihaljevic, was charged with drug-induced homicide, said Winthrop Harbor Detective Tim Borowski. He is currently being held at the Lake County

Jail with his bond set at \$1 million.

The situation is a sad one, said Borowski. Police were called to the scene by Mihaljevic, who discovered his body one morning in mid-December.

The family was pretty distraught, and he too had a difficult time, Borowski said.

"It was kind of tough for myself," Borowski said. "I remember (Mihaljevic) from when I taught D.A.R.E. classes and teaching the dangers of drugs in fifth grade."

This was the first drug-induced homicide case Winthrop Harbor police have investigated with the help of MEG. MEG specializes in drug- and gang-related cases.

The investigation took less than two weeks, and was fairly routine,

'It was kind of tough for myself. I remember (him) from when I taught D.A.R.E. classes and teaching the dangers of drugs in fifth grade.'

Tim Borowski

Winthrop Harbor Police Dept.

said MEG Director Mark Rasmussen.

While he could not go into too many details, Borowski said police were able to identify whom the dealer was and from there, the

evidence piled up.

The case against Kokko is strong, Borowski said. There is more to the case than just a heroin deal.

Kokko was arrested when police went to his Waukegan home on Dec. 28. Police found about two grams of heroin on Kokko at the time of arrest. The street value of the heroin is estimated at \$330, and is enough for three to four hits of the drug, Borowski said.

The rapid turnaround is something police are happy about, Borowski said.

The case was solved quicker than Winthrop Harbor's last drug induced homicide case a few years ago, which took police nearly six

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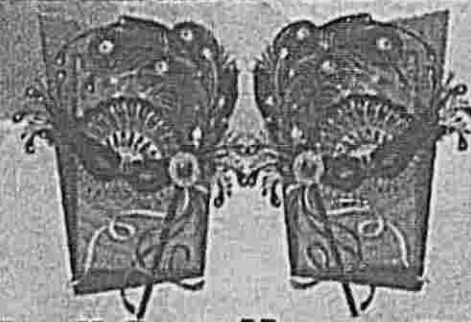
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Seniors to benefit from property tax exemption

Senior citizens and families and caretakers of seniors will no longer receive the Senior Homestead Exemption renewal form they previously received in the mail every January. Under a new county program authorized by the state, the County Board will automatically renew this property tax exemption annually.

In addition, the Senior Homestead Exemption has increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000 for the 2004 tax year. This exemption lowers the assessed value of property by \$3,000 for seniors who have lived on the property on or before January 1 of the tax year.

Those who qualify and do not currently receive the exemption must apply for the Senior Homestead Exemption at their Township Assessor's Office. After the initial application, the exemption will be renewed automatically in subsequent tax years.

"The automatic renewal for Senior Homestead Exemptions will help improve service for our senior citizens," said County Board Chair Suzi Schmidt. "Seniors will not have to worry about reapplying every year to receive a tax exemption which they have already earned."

Some senior citizens may also qualify for a Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze in addition to their homestead exemption. For 2004, seniors qualify if they are at least 65-years old, reside in the property as their primary residence and have a total household income of \$45,000 or less.

Eligible seniors not enrolled in the homestead exemption and assessment freeze, application forms are available from any local township assessor's office or from the Chief County Assessment Office. If a senior has questions related to the programs they can call the Chief County Assessment Office at 847-377-2100.

Lake County Crime Stoppers month observed in state

Andy Anderson, executive director of Lake County Crime Stoppers announced that Gov. Rod Blagojevich, and Secretary of State Jesse White have proclaimed January 2005 as Crime Stoppers of Lake County Month in Illinois.

"Now that 2004 is behind us and 2005 begins, the new year will again undoubtedly bring many more technological advances for law enforcement, Crime Stoppers and all the people of Lake County to conquer. Crime Stoppers looks forward to meeting all those challenges with each and every community within Lake County," Anderson said.

Crime Stoppers, the Lake County Sheriff's office and local police departments want to remind everyone to call when suspicious activity is observed and to not try to confront suspicious subjects yourself.

If you have any information about a felony crime or felony, fugitive contact Crime Stoppers at 847-662-2222.

Callers are reminded that they do not have to identify themselves and that they are assigned a secret number when they surrender information.

If your information leads to an arrest you could be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

Crime Stoppers at work

Following are statistics from Lake County Crime Stoppers in 2004:

- Overall calls received—1011
- Bona fide calls logged—421
- Cases closed—512
- Arrests—225
- Cash recovery—\$1,083,914
- Weapons (guns only)—37
- Cash rewards given—\$41,675

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Since the start of Lake County Crime Stoppers on April 26, 1983 until December 2004, it has led law enforcement officers to more than \$14 million worth of contraband and stolen property. Actual cash rewards paid during the same time frame total up to \$619,473.

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If you have any information about this crime or any other felony crime or felony fugitive, contact Crime Stoppers at 847-662-2222.



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ALOOKBACK

Lake County history from
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10 YEARS AGO • 1995

A vintage WWII fighter plane crashed in Round Lake. No one was injured in the crash. The pilot, out of Mettawa was flying near Fox Lake when he began experiencing engine trouble. Because he could not land at an airport, the pilot said he landed at the open field, owned by the Round Lake Park District.

Officials in Vernon Hills were upset about crime statistics released by the Illinois State Police, which showed the village to have the highest crime rate in the county. Officials said the high amount of shoppers coming in and out of the village led to higher crime rates because of retail theft and burglary.

15 YEARS AGO • 1990

An Alabama woman was killed when she was hit by two cars as she crossed Route 12 in Kildeer. The woman was first struck by car as she crossed the road in the evening hours. And then as she lay on the ground, a van also hit her. She was 24.

Vernon Hills park officials were meeting to discuss the possibility of building a new swimming pool. Two months earlier a referendum had failed that would have built a \$6 million aquatic center.

25 YEARS AGO • 1980

Gurnee police were on the lookout for a burglary ring that was robbing model homes in subdivisions. The culprits had robbed model homes in Cook, DuPage and Lake County. Most recently they had taken \$8,000 of merchandise from Prairie Oaks in Gurnee.

Two men, one reportedly armed, robbed a Band of Mundelein branch just before the New Year. Police reported that the men, who were wearing masks, made off with \$8,000.

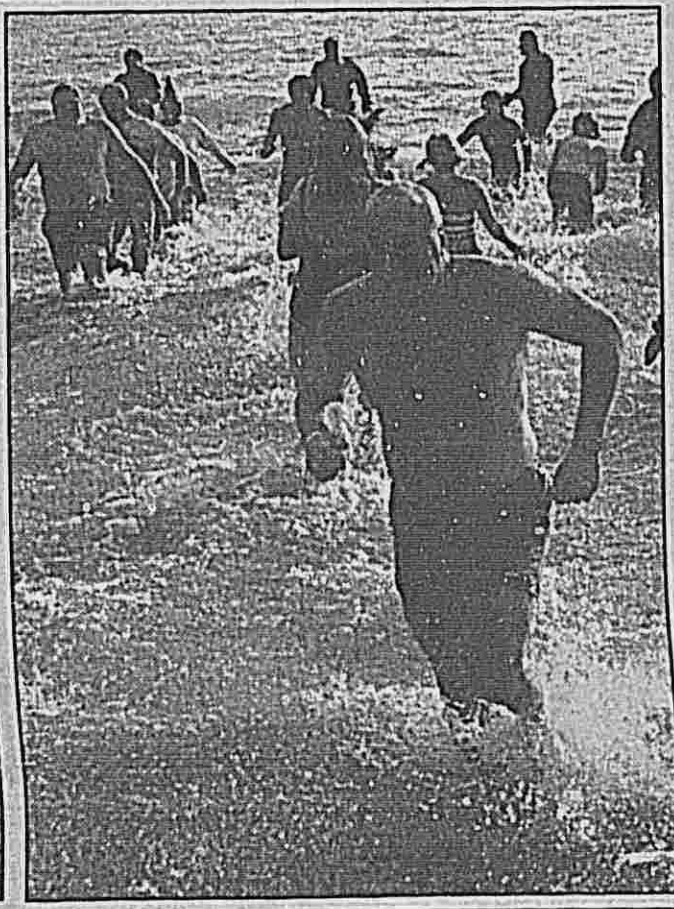
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THE BIG CHILL



Photo by John Dickson

Above—With a loud yell the first wave of brave souls rush into Lake Michigan during the 6th Annual Waukegan Polar Bear Plunge. The annual plunge raised money for the Special Recreation Services of Northern Lake County Waukegan. Right—Wayne Pratt, of Antioch, makes a hasty retreat out of frigid Lake Michigan, during the plunge. Below—Steve Cole (left), of Antioch, and John Sota (right), from Zion, take a leisurely stroll along the frozen Waukegan beach front to check the water temperature. It may be winter, but that did not cool the spirits of all who started their year with an icy dip.



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Support needed for 'toughest job'

Rarely is the voting public provided with an inside view of the behind-the-scenes workings of public education as described in a letter to the editor this week by an elected school official. Technically, Hal Berger is a former board of education member. He writes with such insight and conviction that his views can be classed as recommended reading.

Berger's wake up call comes at an appropriate time. The election process that will shape the local schools now is unfolding, leading to balloting April 5. The time is now for parents and the public at large to tune in on candidates and what is going on in education.

The ex-school board members covers a lot of territory and is not afraid to swing a broad brush. As a critic, Berger touches some familiar chords like the folly of merely throwing money at education, the old saw about freeing teachers "to teach," the problem of unfunded mandates imposed on the education system by pliable legislators, need for reduction (or elimination) of non-productive administrative expenses and red tape. Berger even takes the perfunctory jab at lack of media scrutiny.

Where Berger "rings the bell" in our opinion is his pointing a finger at public indifference which translates into lack of support of the school board and ignorance in the way the public education process works. Berger is right on target when he describes the gush of students resulting from easy village council approval of building permits and how layer upon layer of non-teaching jobs runs up education costs. Where the former board president sounds a clarion call is his reference to the obstacles to BOE leadership (reflection of the voter apathy) imposed by bureaucrats and other special interest groups with a vested stake in what happens at the school house.

We were taken with Berger's lament that voters too often are content to let the board of education "stand alone" in dealing with crushing education headaches. Where is citizen support of BOE initiatives he asks?

The letter raises many questions. If the writer's thoughts reflect the thinking and feelings of current and past school board members, our long held opinion that serving on the BOE is the toughest elective office is well substantiated. And school board members don't even receive a dime's worth of compensation.

Water parks lure fun seekers, more taxes

Water parks are sprouting here, there and everywhere. Or so it seems. There's something about a water park that rivets attention. While efforts are continuing to establish a water park on Rte. 12, Fox Lake, Gurnee officials voted approval for a \$140 million hotel, spa and indoor water park with conference facilities. At the same time, Six Flags Great America is pushing to get a water sports facility ready for the 2005 season. Have we missed any other water parks in the vicinity?

While keeping up with water park progress in Lake County, it was interesting to note that a former zeppelin hanger in the former East Germany has been converted into a splashy recreation center with a tropical theme that keeps the temperature at 77 year around. So the U.S. definitely does not have a corner on water parks.

Approval of the year-around water park in Gurnee was pretty much a slam-dunk deal. Mayor Don Rundt said the facility will add much-needed tax revenue and round out the village's reputation as a destination for fun and shopping. Tax income will be like a trickle to begin with because of a sharing arrangement with the developers who will keep 3.5 percent of the resort tax and 1.5 percent of the hotel tax. Taxes will be shared for 20 years of until \$22 million is reached.

When it comes to water park development, Gurnee officials and the Germans speak the same language. Sure, fun is fun, but the parks also are about jobs and economic development. Oh, don't forget taxes.



VIEWPOINT

How to sort out legals, illegals

With the new vertical drivers license design for drivers under the age of 21, Illinois is making it easier to determine who is eligible to buy alcohol. If you're of legal driving age, you'll still be issued the standard horizontal design license.

What a simple solution to an age-old problem. Vertical design licenses for drivers under age 21 began being issued Jan. 1.

Sec. of State Jesse White deserves credit for aiding the sorting out process which also applies to purchase of tobacco. The idea, though, didn't originate in Illinois. Several other states operate with two different shapes for drivers licenses. The program is expected to grow.

Another neat thing is that implementing the vertical shape won't cost the secretary of state's office.

Using modern ID technology, why can't the same process be applied to spotting—and controlling—illegal immigrants? A proper identification card is useful for all sorts of things besides buying liquor or tobacco. The drivers ID should also be used to sort out citizen status.

Waukegan start

Obituaries recounting the remarkable entertainment career of Jerry Orbach accurately hailed him as a talent who "could do it all"—sing, dance and act. The obits noted briefly that Jerry, probably known best for his portrayal as Detective Lennie Briscoe in TV's "Law and Order," gave short shrift to his life in Waukegan. As a WTHS student, Jerry got his first taste of the stage as a dramatics student of Melba Wixom, English teacher and drama coach, along with being the grand dame of North Shore theater for many years.

Melba landed summer intern jobs in 1952 for two of her star pupils, Jerry and Judy Jones, a perky brunette, at Chevy Chase Country Club, Wheeling, where strawhat theater was just taking hold. Melba's two over-achieving teens dashed around doing odd jobs and were rewarded with some walk-on parts. Judy cut short a promising career in Chicago television when she married a film actor Martin Milner and settled down. Jerry, of course, went on to become a Broadway legend with an uncanny knack of

hooking up with long-running shows.

The memories of the summer of '52 at Chevy Chase are that Jerry Orbach found his life's calling on the stage and your Viewpoint scribe discovered that he was not cut out to be a theatrical press agent, a fall-back job taken while awaiting induction into the Army. There was more than a tinge of sadness learning that prostate cancer claimed at age 69 one of the nation's most versatile theatrical stars, cutting far too short the career of a "local guy who made good"—in a big way.

Forever Cub

What a pleasant surprise to learn the other day that Phil Cavarretta, whose Most Valuable Player year in 1945 propelled the Cubs to their last pennant, still is with us and enjoying life at age 88 from his home in Atlanta. According to club magazine Vinelines, "Phillibuck" follows the Cubs closely. "I'm a Cub forever." Besides a remarkable 20-year career with the Cubs, Cavarretta played on three Cub World Series teams '35, '38 and '45,

and the Cubs reached the World Series three times in his young lifetime—1918, 1929 and 1932. The Cubs have had a 60-year drought but Phillibuck is connected to six World Series. Even to this day, no player with the possible exception of incomparable Ernie Banks, personifies the Cubs more than Cavarretta, who joined the team in 1934 as an 18-year-old, only several months graduated from Lane Tech. Four teammates survive with Phil from the last title team—Dewey Williams, Jorge Comellas, Lennie Merullo and Andy Pafko.

One man's family

Tommy sported a like-new MacGregor plaid cardigan jacket for the holidays. The jacket is a family hand-me-down that has become a Christmas tradition for boys in the family. The jacket was new more than 30 years ago for Tom's two uncles. His brother wore it four years ago. Wonder how many more times the cardigan will make it for New Years?



Bill Schroeder

Publisher

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fabulous job

The Nov. 2 election is over and I believe that it would be wrong if one does not give credit where credit is due. There was an all-time record turn out with very little problems in the polling places. I find it remarkable that the election judges handled such a daunting task with so few problems, considering some of them

were new to the job.

I learned during this election how important the County Clerk's office is and what a demanding job the employees are forced to handle every election. Our County Clerk, Willard Helander, exemplifies what every County Clerk should be. She is thorough, honest and above all handles her job with integrity. The people

of Lake County are very fortunate to have her in this position. I must compliment her and her staff on the fabulous job that they always do. Not only do they put in long hours but also they took the time and effort to train all of the election judges for the polling places.

Robert E. 'Bob' Powers
Lake County Board District 16

PARTY LINES

THIS COLUMN OF POLITICAL OPINION
IS PREPARED FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sisterhood faces future confidently

Members of Lake County's exclusive political "sisterhood," female township supervisors, like their jobs so much they're running in the spring election to retain their positions. All eight of them.

This is the greatest concentration of "women power" at the township level in Lake County history.

The common denominator of the township position as echoed by Warren Township Supervisor **Suzanne Simpson** and Grant Supervisor **Kay Starostovic** is "We love our jobs." Women supervisors still are outnumbered 10 to 8 at monthly luncheons of the township executives. It's too early in the election cycle to determine if their ranks will swell in balloting April 5.

At this point, only woman supervisor facing a challenge is **Betty-Ann Moore** of Libertyville Township.

Simpson, West Deerfield Supervisor **Julie Morrison** and Waukegan Township Supervisor **Patricia Jones** are the veterans of the group, going for their third four-year term. Morrison is spearheading the construction of a new township office building. "If only I was so lucky," exclaims Newport Supervisor **Millie Corder**, who lugs around township papers in a suitcase and essentially conducts business from her car. Newport is Lake County's most sparsely populated township, best known for the sprawling Temple Smith Farms near the Wisconsin state line.

From the Class of 2001 and seeking reelection are **Ela Township** (Lake Zurich)



Simpson: Aim to continue "love affair" with office of supervisor.



Starostovic:



Moore: Advocating status quo policy for township election April 5.



Jones:

Supervisor **Kimberly Tinerella** and Zion Supervisor **Cheri Neal Ditzig**. Both Starostovic and Moore are seasoned township leaders, but technically are running for their first full term. Starostovic was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the death of



Supervisor **Gordon Klesgen** and Moore was appointed supervisor upon the retirement of Mike Graham.

No big deal

At best, Republican **Bernard Semasko**, was a half-hearted candidate for Mayor of North Chicago.

Republicans are an endangered species in North Chicago. So he accepted an electoral board decision knocking him off the ballot with a shrug. He was 23 valid signatures short. Incumbent Mayor **Bette Thomas** will have plenty of company on the Democratic primary ballot. Prospective challengers include **Leon Rockingham Jr.**, **James Harris** and **Jerry Johnson**, a perennial candidate.

Properly dressed

When **Richard Cape** hits the campaign trail for mayor of Round Lake Beach he's often accompanied by the family offspring—all wearing colorful capes. "That's our trademark," explained Cape, a member of the Operating Engineers union who is out to unseat Mayor **Rich Hill**, already announced for a second term. As an active union member, Cape envisions strong support from organized labor. Clearing up another cam-

paign point, possible first name confusion, Cape notes: "I'm Richard. My opponent is Rich."

Merry Christmas

Cook Library Trustees **Tom Forester** and **Jack Martin** played Santa Claus for taxpayers. The gift of a savings in their 2005 tax bill will show up in May. Forester and Martin said the library reduction will be the only category reduced for residents of the district that includes Libertyville, Vernon Hills and Green Oaks. The two Santas challenged a controversial \$7.2 million budget and appropriate ordinance that won majority approval. Following heavy duty debate, subsequent board action reduced the document that will result in a tax reduction. The two Santas pointed out that because of increases in assessed real estate valuation the district still will enjoy increased revenue that will go for increased spending for materials and programs.

Kirk contingent

Roy Czajkowski is serving as tour director of a group of more than 40 persons mostly from Waukegan who attended swearing in ceremonies this week in Washington, D.C. for Congressman **Mark Kirk** (R-10th). The Kirk cheerleaders visited Capitol points of interest besides being on hand for ceremonies inducting the New Congress. Czajkowski is Congressman Kirk's district representative in Waukegan.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bureaucrats, apathy burying public education

By Hal Berger

I support our schools as much as the next person, but there is a reality which has set in Grayslake. We are just about the highest per capita taxed school district in Lake County, and perhaps in all of Illinois for an equivalent valued home. Clearly, the average income level of Grayslake does not match the education funding needs or the taxation of the school districts they serve. Clearly put, people are just plain running out of money.

The shame of it all is there appears not to be one local media source with the courage to stand up and be counted in its own articles and publications on taxation. There is something to say, but so many seem to lack the courage to say it. There are challenges that have been to the tax system and to school structures, and you would think the local media should be presenting it, both sides of it, rather than, oh, the board discussed funding today.

The time for restructuring the system that we work with is overdue. It isn't going to take more tax dollars to run the schools, it is going to take change that includes the reduction in administrative requirements and overdone

bureaucratic red tape to make our schools more efficient. The teachers are now handcuffed. Set them free. They need to be allowed to teach. Most of them are very good at it, and good administrators need to be able to focus on helping them to teach in the best ways possible.

Administrators spend too much time on standardized tests, shuffling paperwork, and layers of jobs that do little more than shuffle more paperwork. We have kingdoms of administrative jobs in the public education system. A look at any local school will show counselors upon counselors, principals upon principals, assistants for everything, and administrative assistants for everything else.

Enough already, we need to trim the obfuscation and get back to teaching so that we don't need to keep raising taxes. There is no need to shorten the day or eliminate music and art in the classroom. Quite frankly, I would not have. I would have hired a lawyer and challenged the state.

No, don't go running to your local school board; yes, they probably lack courage and are inefficient, but many are trying to do the best for kids in an administrative system that is

designed not to ever say no. The board meets and 20 administrators show up to challenge the board when they even try to say "That's as much as we have, we can't spend any more."

It is your fault people. You elected your government at every level. You own the schools, yet you hardly speak. People call me all of the time and say, you're an ex-school board president. Do something. You want me to stand up alone, but you won't. You tell me you don't have time, you have things to do. Then you just stand by and watch as the Fed and the state digs deep into your pocket and takes all of "your" money and spends it, and complain to your neighbor but never where it counts.

A starting point might be to look to the state and federal governments, and just how your representatives are voting. Look to those unfunded or hardly funded mandates and requirements; challenge them; they are the ones who are screwing up our schools and making it unbearable to meet a budget and funding target. Look at the local communities that keep approving building permits without funding or hardly funding new schools. School boards as well as "We the People" need to challenge the fed and

the state and local governments to end this comedy of errors. Challenge the lawmakers who have no concept of what they have done and how they have messed up our communities and local education systems.

Perhaps when you're all done with that you can let a little fall back on the local school boards, and town governments that lack the courage to "just say no we can't afford this, we must work with what we have" and when they need to make cuts, how about doing it with intelligence, cut administrators tasks, even cut their salaries if you have to, never cut the kids. Although it might be nice for administrators to have assistants and aides it is not always necessary to have them. It is time for the fed, state and local governments to re-invent itself in regard to education.

Are you really going to stand for a permanent 5 percent state tax? Is a temporary reduction in property taxes really going to equal the increase? Folks, I am sorry, but just when are you going to stand up for yourself in this democracy?

Editor's note: Hal Berger is a former president of Grayslake Elementary District 46. A resident of Grayslake, he is a certified financial planner.

Boost school fund

While other nations are bolstering their educational systems, Illinois is failing to put its students first. We need to sharpen our competitive edge and grow the state's fiscal pie by nurturing a well-educated, highly skilled workforce. To that end, the state must invest in our children and fully fund our public schools. The Students First solution will help grow the pie and does not raise taxes:

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Ronald J. Gidwitz
President and Founder
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Careful spending

I read the announcement on the fundraiser for the "Cape-able Party." Mr. Cape said he and his group are running because of "the financial waste" of the current administration. Mr. Cape does not mention what area(s) he feels have "waste" or outline his plans for spending changes. Would village services be eliminated or could service cut backs happen? I have been on the board for over seven years and feel that the current board has made good and sound financial decisions. We have been able to increase staff (whether in public works or adding police officers) without increasing residential taxes. This is possible through grants, special state or federal funding and current or new commercial revenue. Approximately 5 percent of the total tax bill is paid to the village. This figure has not been increased even with the hard economics times that our area has seen. I do not recall Mr. Cape attending the

Financial Committee (first Monday of each month) meetings where we discuss current and future expenses for the village. This meeting would answer many of the questions he has. In addition, Mr. Cape and his group need to realize that the village does not set the tax structure for any other taxing body (i.e. school, park, and library and fire districts).

Thomas L. Smith
Trustee, Round Lake Beach

Slighting Volo Bog

I would like you to know recent cutbacks in the Department of Natural Resources staffing, and how this can effect state parks in our area. To be more specific, Volo Bog State Natural Area and Moraine Hills State Park. Volo Bog will be under dual management by the superintendent of Moraine Hills. My concern is the current site superintendent who is being terminated, has spent a great deal of time over the years improving Volo Bog; this will end when he leaves. Volo Bog needs a fulltime person to deal with every day problems and maintain all aspects of the site. Being in a dual role, how much time can the superintendent spend at each site? My feeling

is Volo Bog will receive short visits by him when problems come up that requires his approval or disapproval.

I'm also not sure the new site technician (due to union bumping) will have the same love for Volo Bog that the outgoing technician has. He always made sure that the picnic area grass and the area around the building was always cut and looked nice for visitors. When grass does not need cutting habitat restoration is next such as trying to control invasive plants like buckthorn and garlic mustard. This is necessary so native plants will survive at Volo Bog.

I hope that by writing to you, the public will become aware of what staffing cut backs by the governor will be doing to our state parks. If nothing is done to correct the department of Natural Resources staffing cutbacks at Volo, all the site improvements made over the years will be lost.

I am a member of Friends of Volo Bog and on their board and hope by informing the public what is taking place, something can be done to reserve these staffing cuts by the governor.

Bill Ewert
Ingleside

Laughlin is Auxilian of year

At its annual luncheon at The Seasons in Long Grove, The Auxiliary of Condell Medical Center presented a \$300,000 check to Condell Health Network president and CEO Eugene Pritchard and recognized Lorraine Laughlin, of Libertyville, as 2004 Auxilian of the Year.

The Condell Auxiliary raised the \$300,000 during the past year through its many fundraising efforts, including the annual benefit gala, annual golf outing and hospital lobby sales of books, candies, jewelry and other items. Proceeds from Handle with Care estate sales, Condell's Gift Corner hospital gift shop and Blue Smock resale store in Libertyville are also part of the Auxiliary's fundraising pursuits.

The Auxilian of the Year award is presented each year in honor of former Condell



LAUGHLIN

Auxiliary president Vernice Brunstrum and her husband, Theodore Brunstrum, to an auxilian who positively and enthusiastically promotes the Auxiliary at all times, is helpful and generous with his or her time and/or talents, is actively involved with committee tasks and/or events, encourages and invites others to participate, and whose contributions have made a substantial difference toward fulfilling Condell Auxiliary's mission.

Laughlin has been described as a genuinely caring person who offers invaluable contributions to everything she touches, inspiring others with her great attitude and always willing to extend a hand to those in need. She has been a Condell Auxiliary member since 1983 and chairs the farmer's market and memorial service events.

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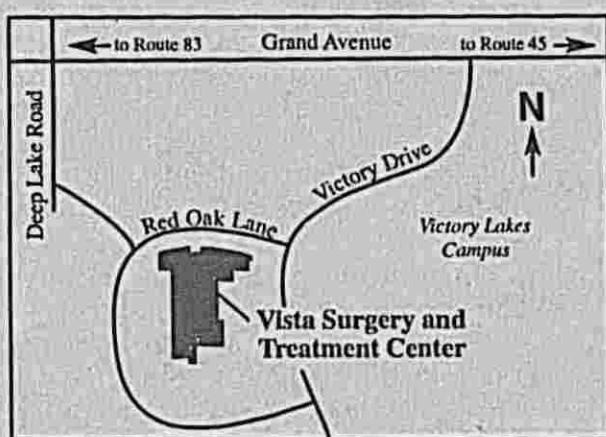
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Last day for pollwatcher credential requests

The last day for qualified civic organizations and proposition (referenda) proponents or opponents to register their organization name and address and the names and addresses of their potential officers with the Lake County Clerk, to qualify for pollwatcher credentials at the Feb. 22 Consolidated Primary Election is Jan. 13. The Consolidated Primary Election will be held for voters residing within The City of Waukegan, The City of North Chicago, Gurnee School District 56 and Oak Grove School District 68.

Pollwatchers must be registered to vote in Illinois and must possess valid credentials bearing the official Lake County seal and the County Clerk's signature. Pollwatcher credentials may be obtained at the Lake County Clerk's office, 18 N. County St., Room 101, Waukegan, during regular hours of 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. on Friday.

Recycle Christmas trees

Designated Christmas tree drop-off sites are located within the following Forest Preserves: Ryerson Conservation Area near Deerfield, Greenbelt near Waukegan and North Chicago, Half Day near Vernon Hills, Lakewood near Wauconda, Old School near Libertyville, and Van Patten Woods near Wadsworth. Drop-off sites will be marked within each of these Forest Preserve locations. Watch for directional signs to drop-off point. Only Christmas trees can be accepted, no yard waste. Commercial drop-offs are prohibited.

Christmas trees can be dropped off from 6:30 a.m. to sunset. For more information on Christmas tree drop-off sites, call 847-367-6640 or online at www.LCFPD.org.

'Kids Hope United' enrollment begins

Bright Beginnings Home Day Care Network a program of Kids Hope United formerly Central Baptist Children's Home

is looking for children to enroll into their programs. The home day care program serves children ages 6-12. The home day cares are DCFS licensed not-for-profit organizations serving diversified families of all income levels.

Day care providers needed

Bright Beginnings Family Day Care Network is looking for nurturing, responsible, creative individual's who would like to start their own business while staying at home with their children. If you live in Lake or McHenry County and would like assistance in getting licensed, ongoing technical assistance, and child referrals this program is for you. For more information on how to become a quality infant and toddler day care provider in your home call Amy Ceshker at 847-245-6577.

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Finalists named for associate judgeships

The Circuit Judges of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit have named the finalists for the Associate Judge vacancies created by the retirements of Lake County Associate Judges Terrence J. Brady and John G. Radosevich.

Chief Judge Christopher Starck has certified the names of Nancy Schuster Waites of Mundelein and George D. Strickland of Riverwoods for the Brady vacancy, and Charles D. Johnson of Buffalo Grove and Christopher R. Stride of Lake Bluff for the Radosevich vacancy.

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Allan D. Robbins

Age 46 of McHenry, passed away Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005 at Alden-Naperville Rehab and Health Care Center in Naperville. Born in Dixon, the son of Dean and Alice (Summers) Robbins. He served in the US Marine Corps. He had been a vice president of the First National Bank Employee Owned of Antioch. He was the founder of Chicago Custom Cycles.

Survivors include two children, Erin and Zachary Robbins of Grayslake; his parents, Dean and Alice of Galt; two brothers, and several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service was held at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 6, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, 1055 Main St. (Rte 83) with Rev. David Groleau, officiating. Interment was private. Visitation was held from 4 p.m., Jan. 6 until time of services. Those desiring may make donations to a family memorial in his memory.

Elton Lorraine Baker

Age 83, passed away at home in Round Lake on Friday, Dec. 31, 2004. She was born in Round Lake to Charles and Naomi (nee Vasey) McCandless.

Survivors include her children; Gene Baker of Round Lake, Ron (Collett) Baker of Waimama, Fla., and Cathy (Dennis) Gibson of Richmond; her grandchildren; her great-grandchildren; and daughter-in-law Jeanne Cox. Elton's husband Paul Baker, a sister and parents precede her in death. Friends of the family visited on Jan. 3, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Community Church of Round Lake. The funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Interment followed at Highland Memorial Park in Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Northshore, 2821 Central Street, Evanston, IL 60201. All care and arrangements were handled by the Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium in Grayslake.

Aubrey Grace Sweeting

Age 18 of Antioch, passed away Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005. She was born in Lake Forest, the daughter of Robert and Susan (Ciavirelli-Higgins). Aubrey was a 2004 graduate from Antioch High School, currently attended College of Lake County, and had recently worked at the Pleasant Company in Wilmet, Wis.

Survivors include: her parents Bob and Sue Sweeting; her sister Katie, her brother Nathan all of Antioch; maternal grandparents: Geraldine (David) Higgins of Libertyville, and Joseph (Mae) Ciavirelli of Lake Forest, Calif.; paternal grandparents George (Margaret) Sweeting of Antioch; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends, all who will miss her greatly.

Funeral services were held 9 a.m., Jan. 6, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Antioch. Visitation was held 4-8 p.m., Jan. 5

at the funeral home.

Vivian M. Knudtson

Age 61, a resident of Grayslake passed away Saturday Dec. 25, 2004 at her home. She was born in Milaca, Minn., to A. Geneva and the late Edward Erickson. She was a homemaker for many years and attended a bible study group frequently.

Vivian is survived by her children Teresa Knudtson and John P. Knudtson Jr.; her mother A. Geneva Erickson; her grandchildren; and her siblings. She is preceded in death by her father, her husband John P. Knudtson Sr.; and a brother.

A funeral service was held, Dec. 31, 2004 at 1 p.m. at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake. Friends of the family visited on Dec. 30, from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral chapel. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association Dept. 77-3968 Chicago, IL 60678-3968.

Alfred A. 'Alfie' Graves

Age 53, a resident of Lake Villa, died on Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. Alfie was a sheet metal worker by trade having worked for V. Olsen Heating and Air Conditioning Co. in Lake Villa for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Jeannie M. (nee Willems) Graves with whom he was united to in marriage on Oct. 4, 1980 in Kenosha, Wis.; his children, Kelly Marie Graves and Michael Justin "Mike" Graves, both of Lake Villa; his brothers and sisters; a step sister; sister-in-law, his stepmother, Marylou Graves of Nebraska; and many other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, by his brothers Steven, Daniel and Lloyd and by a step-brother.

Funeral Service was held from 5-9 p.m. on Dec. 30 at the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake (The Chapel on the Lake). Funeral Service was conducted at the funeral home at 10 a.m., Dec. 31, Pastor Paul Renozitch officiating.

Interment was at Grant Cemetery in Ingleside. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family.

Mary J. Gesking (nee Neuman)

Age 67 of Beach Park, passed away Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005 at Victory Memorial Hospital in Waukegan. She was born in Clay County, the daughter of the late Matthew and Mabel (nee Lacey) Neumann. Mary was a certified nursing assistant and worked at Winchester House in Libertyville, and was a member of the Wisconsin St. Bernard Rescue Association.

She is survived by her companion of 11 years, Ron Clark; her children Robert (Helen) Gesking, Matt Gesking and Mary (Joel) Hanke; her grandchildren; her brother and her nieces. She is preceded in death by her husband, Glen Gesking in 1990.

Funeral service was at 7 p.m.,

Jan. 4 at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd., in Grayslake. Visitation was from 3-7 p.m., prior to services. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are requested to the Wisconsin St. Bernard Rescue, 924 E. Michigan Ave., Oak Creek, Wis. 53154.

Clothilda Airola

Age 83 of Round Lake Beach, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004 at Hillcrest Nursing Center in Round Lake Beach. She was born in Poland to Walter and Mildred (Konstantanow) Kriedel.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol (Stephen) Zavodny of Round Lake Park; and a son, Darwin Airola of Arizona. She is preceded in death by her parents.

A Memorial Service was held at 7 p.m., Dec. 30 at Calvary Presbyterian Church, in Round Lake, with the Rev. Lisle Kauffman officiating.

Interment was private. Arrangements were handled by Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home.

Irene B. Trout

Age 99 of Lindenhurst, passed away peacefully on Dec. 23, 2004 at Sunnyside Assisted Living Center in Gurnee. She was born in Tunnel City, Wis., the daughter of the late Charles E. and Martha L. (nee Preilipp) Snowberry.

She is survived by her sons, Reuben (Beverly) Squires of Wildwood, Fla. and dean (Mary) Squires of Loxahatchee, Fla.; her sisters; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Garrett V. Trout in 1997; her son, Norbert Squires in 1988; her brother and his wife Cecil Snowberry.

In lieu of flowers, donations may go be made to the Millburn Congregational United Church of Christ, 19073 W. Grass Lake Rd., Lake Villa, IL 60046, or to ElderCARE, c/o Foundation Department, Vista Health, 1324 N. N. Sheridan Rd., Waukegan, IL 60085, or to the Lake Villa Rescue Squad. A Memorial Service is planned for a later date. Arrangements were handled by Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd., in Grayslake.

Eugene 'Gene' Maki

Age 65, a longtime resident of Fox Lake, died suddenly Monday, Jan. 3, 2005 at home. He was born on Jan. 8, 1939 and raised by his parents Hjalmer and Nell (nee Crosby) Maki. Gene was very active within his community, teaching First Aid to various local Fire departments and having been a retired EMT with the Fox Lake Fire Department/Rescue Squad. He had also been employed with Stark's Taxi in Fox Lake for many years and was an active member of the Fox Lake Historical Society. He always enjoyed visiting with his many friends at various Fox

Lake restaurants, and was interested in "weather chasing."

He is survived by his wife, Sonja (nee Lindstrom) Maki of Fox Lake with whom he was united with in marriage in 1961; nieces, nephews and other relatives. He is preceded in death by his brother, Lawrence Maki; by a sister, Beatrice Virtue and by his parents.

Visitation was held on Jan. 5 from 4-8 p.m. at the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake (The Chapel on the Lake). Funeral Service was conducted on Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial followed at Grant Cemetery in Ingleside. Memorials for the Fox Lake Historical Society will be appreciated by the family.

Linda L. Knaack (nee Blue)

Age 57 of Lake Villa, passed away at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005. She was born in Chicago, the daughter of the late Dolores and John J. Blue.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph; her children, Kimberly (Dave) Weinzierl of Colorado, Michele Tieman of Lake Villa and Frank Knaack of Lake Villa; her grandchildren; sisters and brother.

Funeral Service was held at 10 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 6 at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave., Lake Villa. Interment was at Millburn Cemetery in Old Mill Creek. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Jan. 5.

Gerald T. Swieton

Age 59 of Round Lake Beach, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was born Aug. 6, 1945 in Chicago to Walter and Eleanor (Marcinkiewicz) Swieton. On July 11, 1976 he married Donna L. Marchiori at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Round Lake. A lifetime resident of Round Lake, Gerald attended elementary and graduated high school in Round Lake. He was employed as an ornamental ironworker, retiring in 1999 with 40 years experience. He was a 40-year member of the Architectural Ornamental Ironworkers Local 63. Among his enjoyments were bowling, pool, golf and spending time with his many good friends and family. He was also a great supporter of the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, Children's Burn Camp.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years; a daughter, Donna (Stephen) Bjorkquist of Lindenhurst; a son, Gerald T. (Laura) Dietz of Lake Villa; four grandchildren, Zachary, Sam, Ellie and Alexander; brothers, Robert (Kathleen) Swieton of Round Lake Beach, Kenneth (the late Ellen) Swieton of Huntington, W.Va., Dennis (Lynn) Swieton of Libertyville, Michael (Pat) Swieton of Round Lake, William (Yvonne) Swieton of Johnsburg; a sister, Katherine (Terry) Vanderboom of Round Lake; many nieces and nephews; and lifelong friends,

Patrick Anderson and Joseph Piagentini. He is preceded in death by his parents; and a sister-in-law, Ellen.

Visitation was from 1-6 p.m., Jan. 2 at Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home. The Funeral Service was at 6 p.m., Jan. 2 at the funeral home with the Rev. Lisle Kauffman officiating. Interment was private. Memorials to the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, c/o the Children's Burn Camp, P.O. Box 911, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056, would be appreciated by the family.

LeRoy T. 'Roz' Reiser

Age 82, went to his heavenly home on Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Chilton, Wis. to Theodore and Teckla Voelker Reiser. He served in World War II from January 1943-December 1945 as a 2nd Lt. Navigator on the B-24 South Pacific 5th Air Force. Roz participated in the Liberation of the Philippine Islands. On June 11, 1955, he married Margaret M. Weninger at St. Mary's Church in Chilton, Wis.

He is survived by his wife, Marge; and their four children, Russ Reiser, Ken and Connie Reiser, Cindy and Mark Ausloos, Scott and Michele Reiser; his grandchildren; step-grandchildren and a sister. LeRoy is preceded in death by his parents.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Calumet Medical Center for their tender care. Also a thank you to the staff at St. Elizabeth Hospital. Thanks to Dr. Dennis Pleviak for his kindness and Father Frank for his prayers. A special thanks to all his friends and relatives for their prayers and concerns.

Rachel Marie Hansen

Age 24 of Marble Falls and Stephenville, Texas, passed away Friday, Dec. 24, 2004. Rachel was born to Thomas R. and Rosemary (Miller) Hansen on Jan. 16, 1980 in Goch, Germany. She spent the first part of her life living in various places around the world and United States while her father was in the military. The family settled in Marble Falls, Texas, where Rachel attended Marble Falls High School and graduated in 1998. While in high school she was an avid golfer and in FFA. She raised and showed rabbits for the Burnet County Fair. Her passion was for animals and throughout high school; she worked for the Johnson City Zoo, where she would give informational and humorous tours. She was currently in her last semester at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. Rachel was a leader at heart and showed no fear. Her bubbly personality would light up a room and turn a bad day into a good one. She will be remembered for her radiant smile, warm person-

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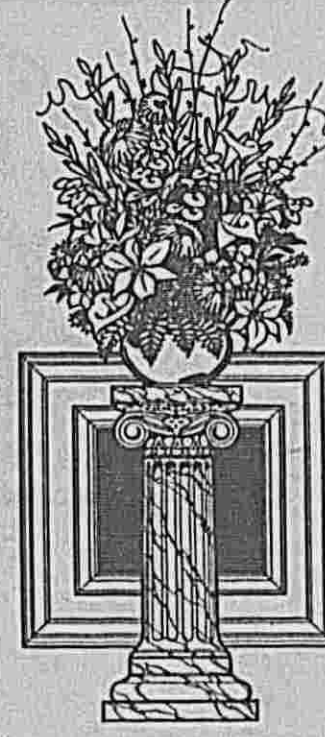
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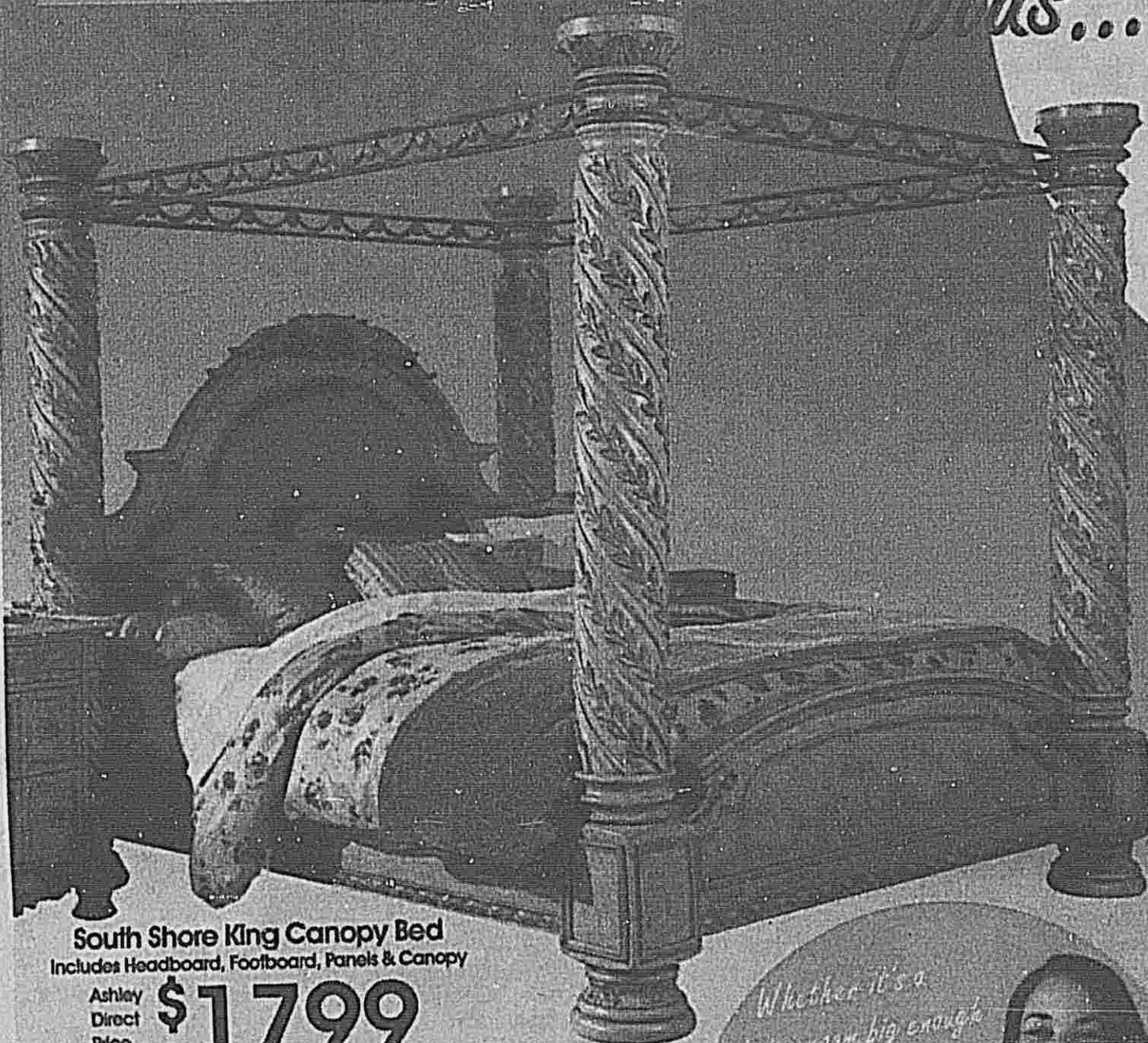


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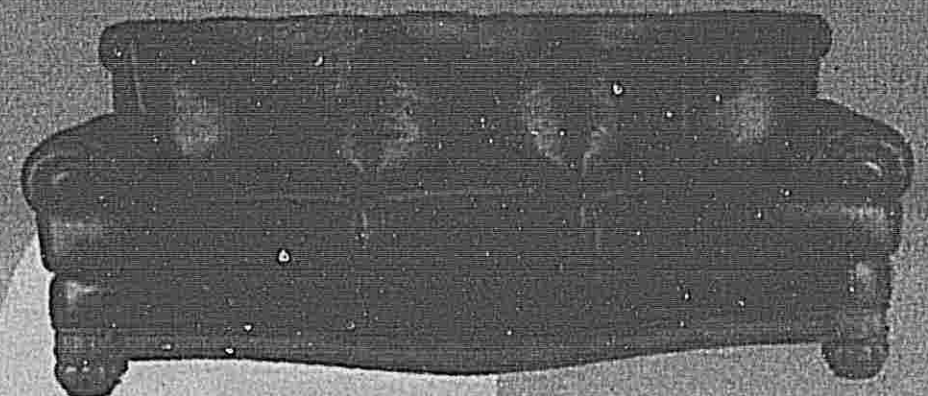


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ality, playful sense of humor and practical jokes.

She is survived by her parents, Thomas R. and Rosemary Hansen of Marble Falls, Texas; three aunts, two uncles and her loving cat, Simon.

Funeral Service was held at 7 p.m., Dec. 30 at the Putnam Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Danielle Casey officiating. Memorials may be made to Christ-Yoder Animal Shelter/Adoption Center, P.O. Box 1041, Marble Falls, TX 78654. Arrangements were made by Putnam Funeral Home, 145, Texas Ave., Kingsland, Tex.

Jay Cairns Jaeckel

Age 56 of Mundelein, passed away peacefully, Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004 at his home in the arms of his beloved wife, surrounded by his children and holding the hand of his lifelong friend. Jay was the owner of ATEZE, Inc., a computer consulting firm in Mundelein.

Surviving are his wife Angela (nee Wittbrodt) Jaeckel; three children, Stephanie, Jordan and Jacob Jaeckel, all of Mundelein; and two sisters. He is preceded in death by his father, Dudley Jaeckel; by his mother Mary Cairns Jaeckel Peterson and his daughter, Alexis Marie Jaeckel on July 9, 2004.

Prayers began at 10 a.m., Jan. 5 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville and Services continued to St. Peter's Church in Volo for the Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville. Visitation was from 3-8 p.m. on Jan. 4 at the funeral home.

William J. Hain

Age 48 of Round Lake, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004 at the Highland Park Hospital. Bill was an employee of Arrow Pneumatic, Inc.

Surviving are his wife, Ginger Hain and daughter, Jordan Jessica Dawn Hain; his sisters and brothers.

Visitation was from 1-5 p.m., Jan. 2 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Services with burial was at the Windridge Cemetery in Cary on Jan. 3.

Walburga Ulm

Age 80 of Vernon Hills, passed away Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004 at the Wealshire of Lincolnshire.

Surviving are her husband of 52 years, Herbert Ulm; her daughter, Rose (Joe) Sanchack; grandsons and one sister.

Prayers began at 9:15 a.m., Jan. 4 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Services continued to St. Mary of Vernon Church for the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville. Visitation was at the funeral home from 4-8 p.m., Jan. 3. Memorial contributions can be made to the St. Mary of Vernon Church Building Fund.

Catherine Schwantner (nee May)

Age 78 of Wauconda. Died Dec. 28, 2004 at home. She was the owner of Kitty's Kitty Corner Day Care in Wauconda.

Survivors include her children Richard, Mary Ann, Christine, Mark and Gayle; 11 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, William and her son, Gregory.

Funeral Services and interment were private. Arrangements were handled by the Kisselburg-Wauconda Funeral Home of Wauconda.

Allan M. FitzRandolph

Age 53 of Grayslake, passed away Dec. 27, 2004 in Alden Nursing Home. Allan was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served as a hospital corpsman for 10 years. He was a warehouseman at the VA

Medical Center in North Chicago.

Allan is survived by his devoted wife, Christianne; two loving daughters, Ami (Michael) Bohan and Lisa FitzRandolph; two grandchildren; his father, Robert L. FitzRandolph; two sisters; three brothers; and his mother-in-law, Alberta Bethley. He is preceded in death by his mother, Carol FitzRandolph; and father-in-law, Russell Bethley.

Visitation was on Jan. 2, from 2-4 p.m. at The Chapel Parish in Grayslake. Services were held on Jan. 2 at 4 p.m. Burial was private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Chapel Parish, 25270 W. Highway 80, Grayslake, IL 60030. Arrangements were handled by the Marsh Funeral Home in Gurnee.

Seymore Finney Jr.

Age 75 of Waukegan, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004 at St. Therese Hospital in

Waukegan, following an automobile accident. He was born in New Orleans, La., to the late Seymore and Beatrice Finney. He served 35 years in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Postal Service combined.

He is survived by a daughter, Annie Pennick; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a special friend, Hazel Bailey and many other friends and relatives. He is preceded in death by his father and mother; his wife, Nellie Finney; a brother; and four sisters.

Funeral Service was held at 11 a.m., Jan. 6 at the First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church in North Chicago with Pastor Eugene Roberson officiating. Interment was at Ft. Sheridan Post Cemetery in Fort Sheridan. Visitation began at 10 a.m. at the church with Elk Rites beginning at 10:30 a.m. Arrangements were handled by the Bradshaw and Range Funeral Home in Waukegan.

Jean (Hom Tue Her) 'Grandma' Wong

Age 80 of Waukegan, passed away Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004. She married George Yung Wong in 1940. She and her husband established and owned many Chinese restaurants, among them are: Ding Hoe Restaurant, Waukegan; Golden Dragon in Lake County and the Ming Toy.

She will be greatly missed by her

three children, Edward Wong of Gurnee, Mary (Karl) Lee and Betty (James) Petersen of Waukegan; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her first grandchild, Susan Petersen and her husband of 53 years, George Yung Wong.

Visitation was held on Jan. 5 from 5-9 p.m. and Jan. 6 from 9-10 a.m. at the Marsh Funeral Home in Waukegan. Private interment services were held on Jan. 5 at 11 a.m. at the North Shore Garden of Memories in North Chicago. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made payable to "Cham Shan Temple" of Toronto, Canada in c/o Edward Wong, 34256 N. Birch Ln., Gurnee, IL 60031.

Will Author Williams

Age 75 of Waukegan, passed away Jan. 2, 2005. He was born in Waukegan to Willie Williams Jr. and Anna (Hill) Williams. Will was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his sister, Mary C. Mitchell of New York City, NY; Collins and Billie Homes of North Chicago.

Funeral Service was held Jan. 5 at 11 a.m. at the Shiloh Baptist Church in Waukegan with Pastor Walston Francis officiating. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Memorial Park in Zion. Visitation was at 10 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Arrangements were handled by the Bradshaw and Range Funeral Home in Waukegan.

LaVern G. Jensen (nee Wolbing)

Age 79, a longtime resident of Fox Lake, died on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004 at Northern Illinois Medical Center in McHenry. She was born on June 21, 1925 in Ingleside to Charles and Gertrude (nee Tonyan) Wolbing. LaVern attended and graduated from Big Hollow Grade School and Grant High School in Fox Lake. She was a former member of St. Bede Catholic Church in Ingleside and had most recently attended St. Peter's Catholic Church in Spring Grove. She had worked as a beautician in her home in Fox Lake and later in Spring Grove; and had also been employed as a lab technician at Baxter Hospital Supply Mfg. Co. She had also been a personal assistant at the Englejsrdt

Estate in Boca Grande, Fla. She enjoyed playing the organ, crocheting, ceramics and loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband, Frederick A. Jensen of Fox Lake with whom she was united in marriage on May 5, 1945 at Great Lakes Naval Hospital Chapel; her children Frederick C. "Chuck" (Laurie) Jensen of Spring Grove, Deborah "Debbie" (Greg) Morley of Lake Villa, Diana (Robert) Hinz of Palatine, Robin (Mary) Jensen of Milwaukee, Wis. and Denise Aitchison of Fox Lake; her brother, Kenneth W. Wolbing of Ingleside; her sister, Betty (Al) Tipton of Ocala, Fla.; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Hazel Schlund; brother-in-laws, Ed Schlund and Arthur Schwades; and by a sister-in-law Dorothy Wolbing.

A Memorial Service will be conducted at noon on Saturday, Jan. 8 at the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home, 12 N. Pistakee Lake Rd., Fox Lake (one block west of Route 12, 1/2 block north of Grand Ave.) with Father Steven Lange officiating. Friends are invited to attend from 11 a.m. on through the time of service. Memorials will be appreciated for the American Cancer Society, 777 Central Ave., Highland Park, IL 60035-3240.

Theresa Noll

Age 82, formerly of Round Lake, died on Jan. 1, 2005. Born in Essen, Germany, the daughter of Peter and Margarete Keifenheim. Mother of Hans Noll (deceased) and wife Margret of Heidelberg, Germany; Ursula Magdeburg and husband Eberhard (deceased) of Houston, Tex.; Rudolf Noll and wife Ingeborg of Heidelberg, Germany; Waltraud Schuller and husband Reinhold (deceased) of Kankakee; Wilfried Noll and wife Mary Lou of Los Alamos, Calif.-formerly of Round Lake; grandmother of Hansjoerg, Gerhard and wife Kalli, Peter, Voker, Gernot and wife Clarissa, Michael and wife Marni and Martin Noll, Heinz and wife Michele, Klaus Schuller, Andreas Magdeburg and wife Michele, Nicole Wilson and husband Steve, and Winifred Brown; great-grandmother of Olivia, Calvin and Arthur Noll, Amber and Kara Wilson, Joshua, Anya, Annika and Jillian Brown.

RECENT DEATHS

Eileen Olsen, 78 of Antioch, Dec. 22, 2004. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

Stephen C. Sowka, 56 of Bristol, Wis. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

Jeanette L. Szpield, 78 of Antioch. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

Thurmon Mayfield, 75 of Athens, Ala. Arr: Spry Funeral Home Chapel, Athens, Ala.

LeRoy J. Kwak, 63 of Round Lake. Arr: Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home

Elsie Munch (nee Welnsenstein) of Fox Lake. Arr: K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home, Fox Lake

William C. Baker, 65 of Fox Lake. Arr: Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home

Howard Fred Friedrich, 83 of Fox Lake. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

Jack N. Copeland, 78 of Libertyville. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, Libertyville

Fred W. Plest, 77 of Gurnee. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, Libertyville

Gunnard H. Johnson Jr., 69 of Vernon Hills. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, Libertyville

Donna Jean O'Dom, 50 of Aurora, Ind. Arr: Fitch-Denney Funeral Home, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio

Richard H. Cole, 95 of Richmond. Memorial Service: Silver Tree Senior Housing, Richmond

June Naponelli, 51 of Crystal Lake. Colonial Funeral Home, McHenry

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HEALTHWATCH

CONDELL MEDICAL CENTER

Acute Care Centers Offer Discounted Thyroid Screenings

If you are feeling tired all the time or having problems losing weight, have your thyroid checked! Throughout the month of December, the Acute Care Centers of Condell Health Network are offering thyroid screenings (a simple blood test) at a cost of \$25. Insurance will not be billed and payment is expected at time of service. No fasting or appointment is required.

Screenings are available every day; all hours the centers are open. For more information about thyroid screenings, call any of Acute Care Centers: Buffalo Grove 847-215-0000 (Open 24 hours, 150 Half Day Rd.); Gurnee 847-249-2800 (Open 8 am to midnight, 6440 Grand Ave.); Round Lake Beach 847-740-2500 (Open 8 am to 10 pm, 2 E. Rollins Rd.); Vernon Hills 847-680-0500 (Open 24 hours, 6 Phillip Rd.).

Your source for screenings, physicals, mammograms (except Vernon Hills location) and occupational health services. To learn more, call any Condell Acute Care Center or visit our Web site at www.condell.org/acute/.

LAKE FOREST HOSPITAL

What is AD/HD?

Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD) is a condition that can make it hard for a person to sit still, control behavior and pay attention. Today five out of every 100 children in school may have AD/HD. Please join Jeffrey O'Koon, PhD and Sharon Johnson, PhD as they discuss the following aspects of AD/HD: Identification, assessment and diagnosis, treatment, effective strategies. Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 7 to 9 p.m. call 847-535-6112 to register.

Defining Autistic Spectrum Disorders: Neurological facts behind the label

This lecture will focus on the latest neurological information on autism. Dr. Chez will discuss diagnosis, neuroimaging, genetics, epilepsy and treatment of autistic spectrum disorders. He will also emphasize information from the journal edition of "Seminars in Pediatric Neurology", which he edited. Wed., Jan. 19 from 7-9 p.m. Call 847-535-6112 to register.

Biofeedback and Stress Management

Linda Hines, PhD, and Jerry Lidsky, MS, ATR, CGP, will discuss how biofeedback works, what tools are used, and how success is measured with physical response and new behavior. The goal is to improve an individual's ability to gain personal control over her life and body in various situations. Fee is \$10 on Monday, Jan. 24 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Center for Women's Health at Lake Forest. For more information, call 847-535-8500.

CENTRE CLUB

Dive into SCUBA in Gurnee

Ready to take the plunge and earn your PADI SCUBA certification in one weekend? Centre Club in Gurnee is offering SCUBA certification courses led by a certified instructor from Toucan Dive Shop of Lake Villa.

An orientation class will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at Centre Club in Gurnee, 1405 Hunt Club Rd. Subsequent sessions will take place Saturday, Feb. 19 and Sunday, Feb. 20, from 9 am to 5 pm. Fees are \$225 for Centre Club members and \$338 for non-members. Bring your swimsuit to each class.

Reservations can be made by visiting the front desk at Centre Club in Gurnee. Payment is due at registration. For more information, call Kim Albertsen at 847-990-4741. p.m. on a Saturday.



PARENT'S PLACE

Dr. Sherri Singer

Hi Dr. Singer,

We have two kids: a girl who is 4 and a boy who is 1. The problem is that every time our son tries to pick up a toy to play with that was here before he was, our daughter runs over and adamantly tells him it's hers and grabs it away. We want to encourage sharing between the two kids but don't want to make the older child feel too threatened that nothing belongs to her alone anymore. Are there suggestions you can make so we can resolve this? B.O.T.

Hi B.O.T.,

Yes, I do have some really good suggestions for you that have worked for many of my clients. First, you are right to want them to share but also equally right about needing to protect your daughter's sense of some boundaries for herself. After all, she was ruler of the roost for 3 whole years and then along comes this little person who probably took lots of the attention as well as the toys. That is hard any way you look at it.

There are 3 things I have suggested to other clients in your situation. First off, when your daughter grabs a toy away from your son and runs away saying, 'mine.' Instead of grabbing the toy back and telling her she must share it which will make her feel resentful, ask her instead to teach the baby about the toy. Put her in the position of being in control of the toy and showing her little brother how to use it. That has not only worked wonders in my practice but also in my home. You should

Hey, that's mine! Teaching kids to share

see how much pride a child gets when he or she can be a teacher to another child.

It is very important that you don't belittle the older child and say things like, 'that's a baby toy, why would you want to play with that?' That does not good for bringing peace between the kids and also does not teach sharing. It will also make the older child feel bad and make her hold that toy even harder. I have vivid memories of being a kid a outgrowing my big wheel and being heartbroken over that. Little kids hold onto their love of toys longer than you think they do and that's o.k.

Another thing you can do is to take a 'stash' of your daughter's favorite toys and keep them in her 'safe place.' This is a place all her own, in her room, or somewhere else, that has toys that her little brother cannot get to unless she wants him to. This will give her a feeling of security and that not everything of hers is public. This is very important for any child. Do the same for your son when he is old enough.

A third thing you can do is to take your daughter shopping to buy some special toys for her little brother. Let her pick out what she thinks he will like and then let her give them to him. This is also heartwarming and excit-

ing to watch. Of course, while you are shopping, you must let her pick something for herself too.

Having a girl and a boy will resolve this issue someday very well because (not to sound sexist) but most of the time, the play interests really start to split at some point and the girls and boys play with very different things. Then you won't be calling me about problems with sharing but with 'Mom he won't leave us alone!'

They will fight and they will complain about each other, but when push comes to shove they will be each other's greatest strength in the future and if you do it right now, they will treasure each other as you treasure them!

Dr. Sherri Singer is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Childhood Behavior Specialist. She regularly works in person with many readers of this column, helping them to significantly improve their kids' attention, behavior, processing skills and self-esteem. Dr. Singer's Total Success Program has promoted unbelievably fast behavior and attention change both at home and school. To change your child's life for the better, please call 847-231-5644 or 708-962-2549.

Maximize your health benefits in '05

A new year. A time to reflect. A time to celebrate. A time for resolutions (again). Health and finances often top the list of New Year's resolutions.

"Health benefits information can be confusing, and most people don't understand all of their options, much less use them to their full potential," said Neale Godfrey, bestselling financial advice author and Plan For Your Health spokesperson. In fact, a national survey conducted by Aetna and the Financial Planning Association found that only 19 percent of women have a budgeted amount of

money set aside for annual out-of-pocket health care costs, which can top \$2,900 for the average family of four.

All the more reason, according to Godfrey, to review your health benefits packet and discover which health plan services and programs you can take advantage of in 2005.

Plan for Your Health, an educational campaign from Aetna and the Financial Planning Association (FPA), can help you make the most of your health benefits choices. It offers the following advice:

Look for deals and discounts

Fully maximizing your health benefits plan involves making smart choices and knowing the ins and outs of what your plan offers. Some things to consider:

- Utilize discount programs or prescription drug cards, if available, to help cover the costs of medicines throughout the year.
- Talk with your physician about considering generic drugs. Another way of saving money could be using a mail order service for medications you regularly take.
- Take advantage of special offerings, such as discounts for vitamins, health clubs and eyeglasses.
- Make the most of your health plan by taking a health risk assessment and learning more about how to better manage your health.

Don't underestimate the benefit of wellness

One of the primary functions of your health benefits plan is to keep you healthy. In fact, many plans offer extra incentives to do just that:

- Make sure you schedule your annual preventive check-ups, including a well-women check-up with your Ob-Gyn, a physical exam with your primary care physician and a check-up and teeth-cleaning session with your dentist. It is often possible to catch small health issues before they become major health and financial burdens.
- Look into wellness programs. Many health care plans now recognize the value of preventive care and will subsidize the costs of physical fitness facilities, exercise programs, quit-smoking clinics, flu shots, cholesterol and blood pressure checks or mental health services.

Plan for your health

Decisions you make now for your health benefits plan can impact your future. Planning well can make all the difference:

- Sign up for a Flexible Spending Account (FSA), a tax-advantaged account that can be used to pay for health expenses. Also, create a monthly spending plan for your FSA dollars, especially since these funds do not roll over at the end of the year.
- Find out which medical expenses you will be able to deduct this year. It may be possible to claim deductions for expenses such as weight-loss programs, laser eye surgery, dental X-rays and smoking cessation programs.

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BUSINESS

FASTTRACK

IAAP meeting

The January meeting of the Lake County Chapter of IAAP will be held on Jan. 11, at Weekenders USA, 1011 Woodlands Parkway, Vernon Hills. The meeting begins with a light dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a guest speaker and business meeting.

Our guest speaker will be Sheryanne Robertson, Financial Advisor with Morgan Stanley. She will be presenting "Smart Women Finish Rich" based on the best-selling book by David Bach.

"Smart Women Finish Rich" is an educational seminar that provides you with 7 steps to help you achieve financial security and fund your dreams. If you act upon these simple steps to improve the quality of your financial life, you will be well on your way to a richer, fuller life!

If you are interested understanding where you are, deciding where you want to be, and developing a path to get there come join us. Meeting costs are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. RSVP to Fran Puchli at 847-535-2034 or fran_puchli@grainger.com by Jan. 7.

Waukegan Savings Kids Savings Program winner

Waukegan Savings promoted kids savings accounts with a bilingual campaign and offered a Sony Walkman CD Player in a drawing to one of the children who opened a Kids Treasure Chest Savings Account. Johanna Leon of Waukegan was the lucky youngster who won the CD player.

Established in 1924, Waukegan Savings and Loan SB, with assets of \$130 million presently serves the area with three locations and a full complement of products and services.

GLMV seeks exhibitors for Home Improvement Show

The Green Oaks, Libertyville, Mundelein, Vernon Hills Chamber of Commerce seeks exhibitors to participate in its 2005 Home Improvement Show. The show will take place March 5 and 6 at the Libertyville Sports Complex, corner of Route 45 and 137 in Libertyville.

The Home Show will offer a variety of booths showcasing the latest in interior and exterior home improvement products, services and resources, such as design, home repair and remodeling, decks and room additions, decorating, carpet and floor covering, heating and air conditioning, security, windows and doors, landscaping, spas, financing and more. Booth spaces are 8 by 10 foot with skirted table, chairs and rod and drape. Cost is \$545 for members; \$745 for non-members.

The show also will feature raffle prizes, giveaways and more. Each year, several thousand residents visit the show. The show is sponsored in part by Lakeland Newspapers.

The show is open to the public from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. both days. Admission is free and there is ample parking. For more information, call the GLMV Chamber at 847-680-0750 or visit www.glmvchamber.org.

Team Lake County

Mark your calendars now for the next Team Lake County meeting, which will be on Feb. 24. This event had previously been tentatively scheduled for Jan. 20.

The topic will be "Regional Marketing." The program format is designed to allow it to establish goals and a plan of action for working together to market Lake County to potential retail, pharmaceutical/medical products/biotech, and professional office/headquarters operations.

The event will be at the Genesee Theater in Waukegan. And run from 3-5 p.m., followed by networking from 5-6 p.m. Tours of the theater will be available.

Call 847-247-0137 for details or visit www.lakecountypartners.com.

Tourism bureau has new identity

The Board of Directors of the Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau has selected a new corporate identity for the tourism organization.

After six months of work, the organization announced a new logo and theme line: Lake County, Illinois. Natural Spaces, Fun Places.

Developed by the Bureau's ad agency, TDSM, the process involved research and input from the Lake County hospitality community. The contemporary design conveys Lake County's geographic position on Lake Michigan and the more than 75 inland lakes. The roller coaster graphic element represents Lake County's diverse and distinct range of fun and entertaining products. The combination of green, blue and yellow evokes the relaxing, lush and natural elements that draw visitors to the county.

"Our re-branding will continue to evolve through the next year. We see it as part of a



The Lake County Convention and Visitor's Bureau will use this logo as a symbol for area tourism.

broader strategic initiative that transcends all aspects of the organization from our expanded sales and marketing efforts to our community outreach programs. Building brand equity takes time and a commitment to excellence on all fronts," said LCICVB President, Maureen Riedy. The new logo will help position Lake County as a unique vacation destination for families and couples.

The Bureau is also finalizing a promo-

tional video that will be available for viewing on the Bureau's website, www.lakecounty.org, and for visitors to watch in their hotel rooms. The video will highlight the variety of attractions, shopping, dining and outdoor recreational activities offered in Lake County.

The LCICVB is the official destination tourism marketing organization for Lake County representing hotels, visitor attractions and community partners.

Lake County Press wins printing award

By Brian Janosch

Special to Lakeland Newspapers

Even as early as the production phases the people at Lake County Press knew they had something special.

Their promotional booklet for Store Enzo, located in northern Wisconsin lived up to their own hype and won the 2004 Premier Print Award from the Printing Industry of America.

"This is huge," said Pete Douglas, Senior Vice-President and Director of Marketing

for Lake County Press. "It's a big feather in our cap because it comes from the governing body in our industry. It's a testament to us and our employees."

The award-winning piece highlighted different laminating and coating techniques and won the award based on their design and execution of the final product.

Store Enzo produces fine printing papers and used the booklet as one part of a four part series displaying different aspects of their business. Lake County Press also produced the other parts of the Store Enzo

series.

"We usually win several of these each time we submit something," Douglas said. "This was one category we hadn't won in before."

Douglas said the award marked the hard effort of each employee at Lake County Press from the sales representatives to all the production people throughout Lake County.

More information on Lake County Press can be found at their Web site www.lake-countypress.com.

ONTHEMOVE

Koeppen named Farm Bureau manager

Gregory G. Koeppen, of Grayslake, was named the new manager of the Lake County Farm Bureau, the state's fourth largest agricultural organization, effective Jan. 1, 2005.

Koeppen began his career with Lake County on March 16, 1998 as the Farm Bureau Public Information Director/Ag Literacy Coordinator prior to being named Assistant Manager in August 2004.

A graduate of Columbia College Chicago, Koeppen holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government Administration/Public Relations.

A Prospect Heights native, Koeppen grew up a fourth generation vegetable farmer on the family vegetable farm located on Dundee Road in Wheeling. Koeppen started bagging sweet corn at the farm at the age of four and eventually took over operation of the farm during high school and college.



KOEPPEN

Snow joins Smith Engineering

Smith Engineering Consultants, Inc., has announced the addition of Susan M. Snow CPA, MBA to the staff.

Snow is taking over the newly created position of Controller. She will oversee all financial functions of the corporation and will maintain an office in the company's corporate headquarters in McHenry.

Snow has a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb and a Masters of Business Administration in finance from DePaul University.

Additionally, Snow is a Certified Public Accountant in the state of Illinois. She has extensive experience in corporate as well as government accounting.



STATE BANK OF THE LAKES EMPLOYEES

State Bank of The Lakes anniversaries

State Bank of The Lakes congratulated 26 employees who celebrated landmark service anniversaries during the past year. Randy Miles, President and Chairman of the Board, recognized the employees, presenting them with anniversary pins at the company's annual holiday celebration.

Employee Service Anniversaries: 30 years—Walter Jaskowski, Dianne Perlman; 25 years—Sandra Duehr, Shella Jaskowski, Bonnie Ligeski; 20 years—James Kinney, Frances Marshall, Mary Simbrowsky, Randolph Miles, Cynthia Stout; 15 years—Connie Anichini, Denise Cassara, Dee Dee Palmer, Angela Savage; 10 years—Amanda Wilke, Catherine Willis and 5 years—Isabel Avakian, Deborah Fijak, Michael Johnson, Michelle Kirchner, Katie LaPlante, Jennifer McGraw, Augustine Marchetti, Kelly Neel, Nancy Nicpon, Donna White.

Allstate agent now licensed

Audie Beeson is among an elite group of Allstate insurance agents who recently earned the "Personal Financial Representative" title. Beeson will now be able to offer his customers variable annuity, variable life and mutual fund products, in addition to auto, homeowner and traditional life insurance products.

Beeson received the Personal Financial Representative title after passing the NASD Series 6 and Series 63 securities license exams and completing an extensive Allstate training curriculum. He is appointed with the registered broker-dealer Allstate Financial Services, LLC.

Edward Jones to host broadcast

Cathy Donohoe, the Edward Jones investment rep in Grayslake, will host a free one-hour satellite broadcast titled "Is the Uncertainty Over?" at 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 11 at 1110 E. Washington St.

The broadcast will feature Geoffrey Colvin, co-host of Wall Street Week with FORTUNE, and Alan Skrainka, Edward Jones' chief market strategist.

Colvin and Skrainka will discuss: How the deficit and a weak dollar should impact one's investing decisions; What four more years of a Bush White House may mean to investors; and How to take control of one's financial future.

To reserve a seat or for more information about the Tuesday, Jan. 11 program, call Donohoe at 847-543-1537. If you are unable to attend, additional viewing opportunities are available.

NEWBUSINESSES

Assumed business names

Impello Solutions, 41 Park Ave., Grayslake, 847-543-9674. Owner: **Paul Kokkin**. Purpose: Manufacturing Consultants

Supreme Home Repair and Improvement, 34611 N. Sequoia Dr., McHenry, 815-759-6906. Owner: **Chris Nutt**. Purpose: Carpentry/Remodeling.

Leicht Automotive Imports, 26474 N. Highway 59, Wauconda, 847-526-9113. Owner: **Timothy Leicht**. Purpose: Import Auto Repair

Lake Heat Treat, 179 Ida, Antioch, 847-344-9034. Owner: **Richard C. Reynolds**. Purpose: Commercial Heat Treating.

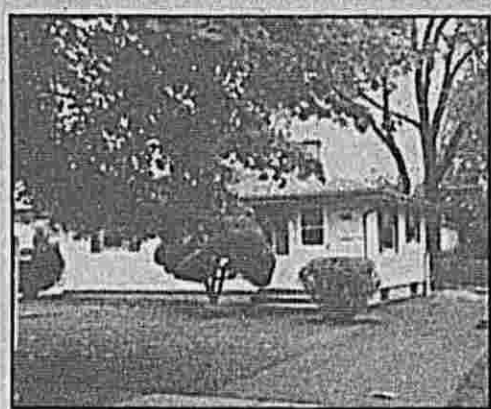
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Home details

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Take steps to scale down kitchen clutter

The kitchen is one of the busiest spaces in a home. Cooking, eating, entertaining and socializing all happen in the kitchen — it's the main gathering place in the home. As a result, it is likely the most unorganized room in the house. If your kitchen cabinets and junk drawers are jammed and overflowing, you are running out of counter space, or you can never find what you need when you need it, it's time to take control of your kitchen clutter.

1. Create an organizational plan. Establish work stations like a restaurant does and keep related items at each station: prep area, cooking, baking and cleaning.

2. Purchase storage solutions. Plastic bins, baskets, containers, racks and freestanding units are inexpensive storage ideas. You can find deals at dollar stores, or check stores that carry overstocks, closeouts and slightly dented items. You may even be able to re-use items you already own. For instance, a shoebox covered with the same contact paper as your shelves can store spice bottles. If you are short on cabinet space but have plenty of wall space, try using an old bureau to store canned goods, towels, extra dishes or cookware. Don't forget to nest items inside one another to maximize space.

3. Every item needs its own home. When items have a designated place, they tend to get put away. If they don't, they tend to get lost. Utilize bins and baskets wherever possible to keep "like things" together and readily accessible. Go vertical to free up horizontal space. Utilize the empty vertical wall space in a nearby closet by installing shelves that can be used to store canned goods. Install hanging broom and mop holders. Employ hooks, pegboards and Lazy Susans. If your counter space is at a premium, mount some of your small appliances under the cabinets.

4. Toss clutter. Get rid of what is old and what you don't use. Check expiration dates of herbs, yeast, baking powder, etc. Throw out cooking gadgets that are gathering dust. Remove items on counters that don't belong in the kitchen.

5. Organize for maximum efficiency. Place items near each other if they will be used together. If your coffee maker sits on the counter, store the coffee cups, filters and sugar in the cabinet above it.

6. Clean everything. Tackle cabinets, drawers, shelves, countertops, refrigerator, oven, etc. Replace tattered dish towels and torn or worn shelf paper.

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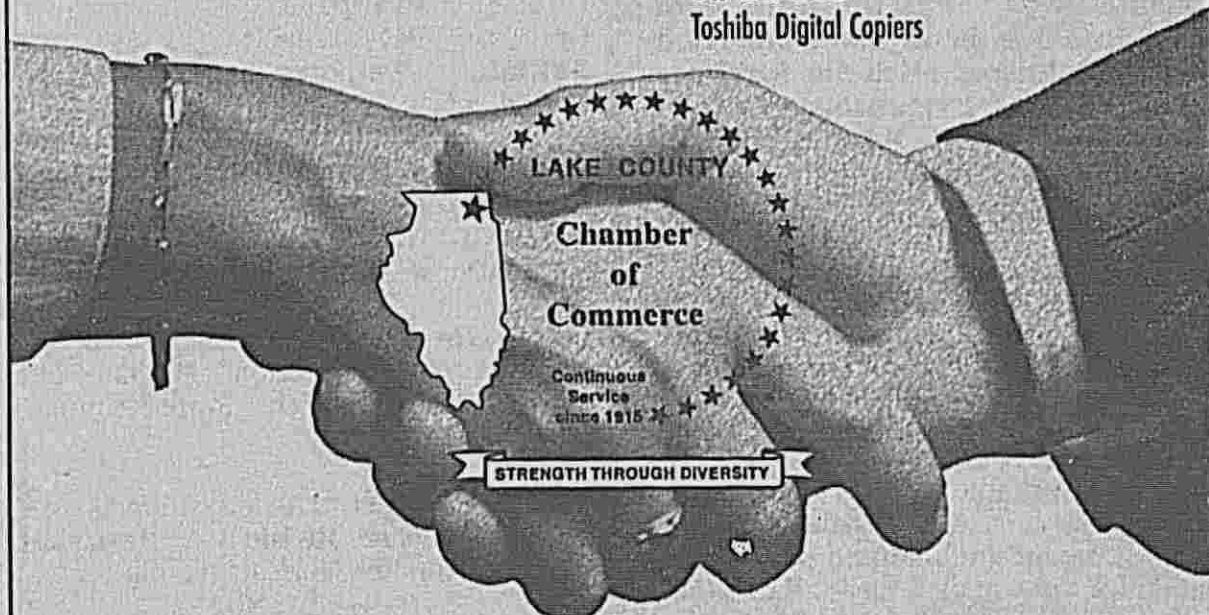
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



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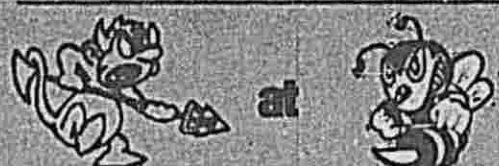
Mustang senior guard Beth Rosendahl was a major reason her squad finished the first annual Mundelein tournament 4-1. She averaged 15 points per game, notching 20 points twice, and earned a spot on the all-tournament team.



WRESTLING
TEAM
CARMEL

In a definition of a team win, Carmel's wrestling team had 7 first-place finishers in the annual Carmel Invite. The Corsairs won the tourney with 227.5 points, more than 77 points ahead of second place Deerfield.

GAME OF THE WEEK



BOYS BASKETBALL

In a much anticipated match up between two of Lake County's best teams, Warren will travel to Zion-Benton Saturday night. The Devils feature an outstanding 8-man rotation while the Zee-Bees bring the talented duo of Rajohn Kidd and Michael Winters.

SUPER 17

Lakeland Newspapers Sports Editor
Rob Backus's rankings of area high school teams

BASKETBALL

1. Warren
2. Waukegan
3. Zion-Benton
4. Johnsburg
5. Lake Zurich
6. Stevenson
7. Grayslake
8. North Chicago
9. Grant

BOYS

10. Lake Forest
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Northern exposure

Local athletes contribute to Huskies' bowl win

By Steve Peterson
Sports Reporter

Lake County athletes have left a mark both in the past and one hopes, for the future, in Northern Illinois University's continued rise as a respected football power in the Mid-American Conference.

Thousands of fans traded 40-degree weather in Illinois for the same in California and did not seem to mind one bit.

They came to see Josh Haldi and the one-two running back tandem of A.J. Harris and Garrett Wolfe, but Lake County had a role in the 34-21 NIU win over Troy University.

Round Lake High grad Dallas Bassett lined up for the first play for an NIU bowl game in 21 years. He made an assist on the opening tackle. Stevenson High grad Brad Cieslak, a senior and the team's second-leading receiver behind Dan Sheldon coming in, had two catches for 35 yards, losing a helmet in the process.

NIU hopes the rainy night in wine country will be a regular occurrence now.

"It was a great way to end my senior year at NIU, great for the fans, the alums and the university," Cieslak said afterward.

NIU had many a diehard fan at the fifth annual Silicon Valley Football Classic in San Jose, Calif. So much so that Bowl Chairman Greg Jamieson praised the school's following, saying they easily beat out the crowd from Troy. NIU fans overwhelmed two downtown hotels.

"I have three degrees from NIU. Coach Joe Novak is a great coach, and there is no quit in him," said Jim Zoda.

The fan from Pittsburgh, relaxing at the university's headquarters, said he was confident and it was a good trip.

"We've been loyal fans, since the days of 0-10. We have a lot of respect for Troy, though too," said NIU fan Alan Zolling.

"It is a lot of fun to see all the fans and alums come out. There was a community service day with area youth and both teams had a chance to throw the football around with the kids," said NIU cheerleader Cassie Claggett, a graduate of Grant High.

Wolfe finished with 85 yards rushing and a TD before leaving the game in the second quarter

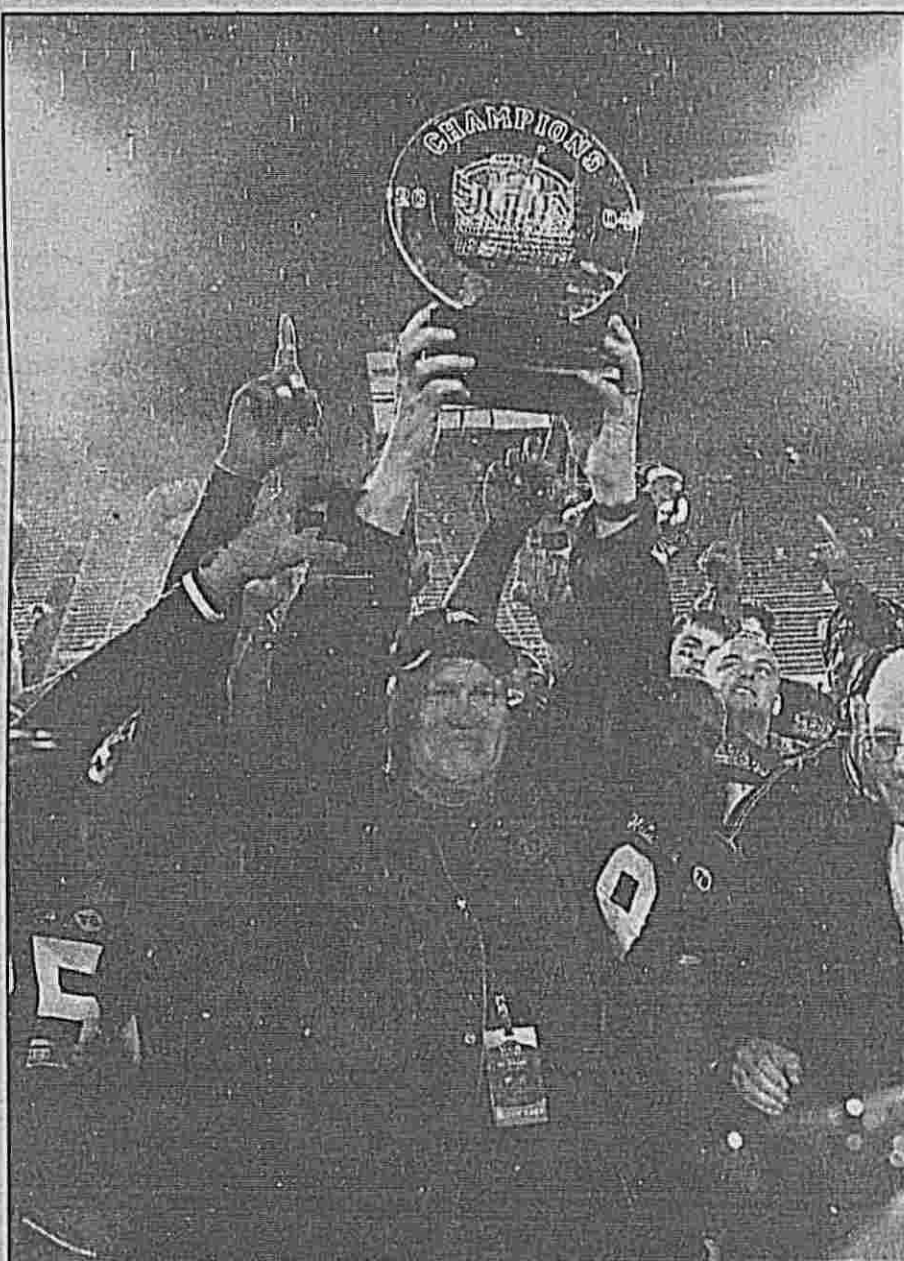


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Northern Illinois University football coach Joe Novak holds up the trophy awarded after the Huskies defeated Troy in the Silicon Valley Bowl in San Jose, Calif.

'It is great for the seniors to go out with a bowl win, but there are still a few things left to accomplish.'

Joe Novak
Northern Illinois University
head football coach

due to a hip pointer. Down 14-0, it was Wolfe's 50-yard TD run that sparked confidence in the 9-3 Huskies. Harris took over with 122 yards. The Huskies' duo accounted for three TDs, a bowl record. Wolfe's 21 TDs for the year erased a two-year-old North Chicago product, Michael "The Burner" Turner's record of

20 TDs in a season.

Coach Joe Novak, now, 2-0 in bowl games in California, said suburban players should not fear the Huskies getting too popular for them. NIU has won 23 of its last 30 games and won the MAC West share three times in four years.

"That is how we started this nine years ago in 1996, that is how we designed this, for players within four to five hours of campus, and, while the bowl win will help, that's how we will continue it. The biggest thing is now everyone starts to believe. The key is the off-season commitment. All the players stay over in DeKalb in the summer, working out at 5:45 a.m., and now the benefits pay off," Novak said. "It is great for the seniors to go out with a bowl win, but there are still a few things left to accomplish."

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ON THE SIDELINES

Rob Backus • Sports Editor

A look ahead

Just when I thought I was on my way to thinking I was psychic, the rug was pulled right out from under me. After all, my bold prediction that Warren's boys hoops team would go through the regular season unbeaten was just two games away from becoming halfway true.

The Devils had rolled through the first two games of the Pontiac Tournament, setting up a semifinal match up against Simeon, the No. 1 seed and one of the best teams in the state. On Wednesday afternoon I checked the Internet and came across the score: Simeon 47, Warren 46. Damn.

My prediction was already rendered useless before the paper even came out on Thursday. But since my prediction went so well, I decided to make some more.

Here is my forecast for some of the biggest sports stories of 2005.

Having both rolled through the regular season, Warren and Carmel will hook up at the Stevenson girls basketball sectional. Carmel's Jenny Eckhart will explode for 32 points but a last-second 3-pointer from the Devils' Alex Leach will give Warren the narrow win. The Devils will win the Super-Sectional title three days later before falling in the Elite Eight.

Just two weeks later, the Warren boys will try to complete the double play at Lake Zurich as they take on Waukegan in the sectional finals. Laron Frazier and Emanuel Gaiter will provide a dynamic scoring punch but the defense and depth of the Devils will win out as Warren avenges last year's sectional final loss to the Bulldogs. However, the Devils lose in the Super-Sectional, giving the core group of eight players one more chance to make a run to Peoria.

In June, the hitting of Jeff Greco and the pitching of Kyle Stone will be just enough to push Carmel past Libertyville in the sectional finals. The Corsairs will win the Super-Sectional title to make their second straight trip downstate

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EXPOSURE

Like we have not won the MAC title or beaten Toledo. Those are carrots for the next group."

"Joe has done a great job. He always respects the rules. He knows how to work within our base of northern Illinois and Wisconsin," said former NIU athletics chief, now retired, Bob Brigham. Brigham recalls playing in one of the earlier era bowl games, the Refrigerator Bowl, later dubbed that due to cold conditions.

The Huskies did not flinch when the Sun Belt (there was little sun to be had this week) team jumped to a 14-0 lead with 6:05 left in the first quarter. Wolfe's run and a big play on defense, an interception by Lionel Hickenbottom, led to a short run by QB Josh Haldi and the 14-14 tie sent the Huskies faithful into a frenzy.

That started a 34-point run by NIU that continued with the first of two successful field goal tries, including a 30-yard field goal attempt by Chris Nendick. Haldi's one-yard run gave the Huskies a 10-point lead. Harris' run capped a six-minute drive from 6 yards out. Cieslak snared an 18-yard completion from Haldi. "Someone gave me another helmet after that one," Cieslak said. "It would not have been that bad if the sideline had not been so slick. I was excited about the program when I first came here. I knew that they had a lot of potential. They did a great job of recruiting. This is a great way to go out my senior year."

A punt block by Dustin Utshig and a key stop by Hickenbottom stemmed the tide of momentum, as the rain and the 11 minutes remaining seemed to last forever. Utshig had the thrill of explaining the punt block. "It was great. I loved to do it, and the seniors all deserve it."

"In clutch situations, we hung in there with a great attitude. That really came back and helped us win the football game. It is a great group of seniors that had a great year to come here and win," Novak said. "This group of seniors had five straight winning seasons. We have taken another step."

"It has not settled in yet that this was our last game," Haldi said, who praised the host committee for a great experience.

Jamieson said the fact that NIU had not won a bowl game in 21 years was a factor in the Cardinal-and-Black dominating sales of the 21,456 tickets sold on the 46-degree rainy night.

"The whole thing was just to come out and win the game. All the other stuff is great, a reward, to win the football game is awesome," Novak said. "For this group to take that next step of winning a bowl game, is important to the place that we want to be. We have 109 kids in that locker room. They are coming off a bowl victory and a bowl experience. There is a big morale factor. We're excited about next year, going to Michigan (Sept. 3), it will be a tremendous challenge. That will take us to our off-season program. It is the most important thing that we do."

SIDELINES

before losing in the first round.

The fall will bring a trio of excellent football teams as Warren, Libertyville and Carmel vie to be known as Lake County's best.

Warren's Mitchell Moore will rush for 1,700 yards and 22 touchdowns on the season to lead the Devils to the Class 8A semifinals, while Libertyville and Carmel will reach the quarterfinals in their respective classes.

And after that will come basketball season, 2006 and another prediction column from yours truly. Happy New Year!

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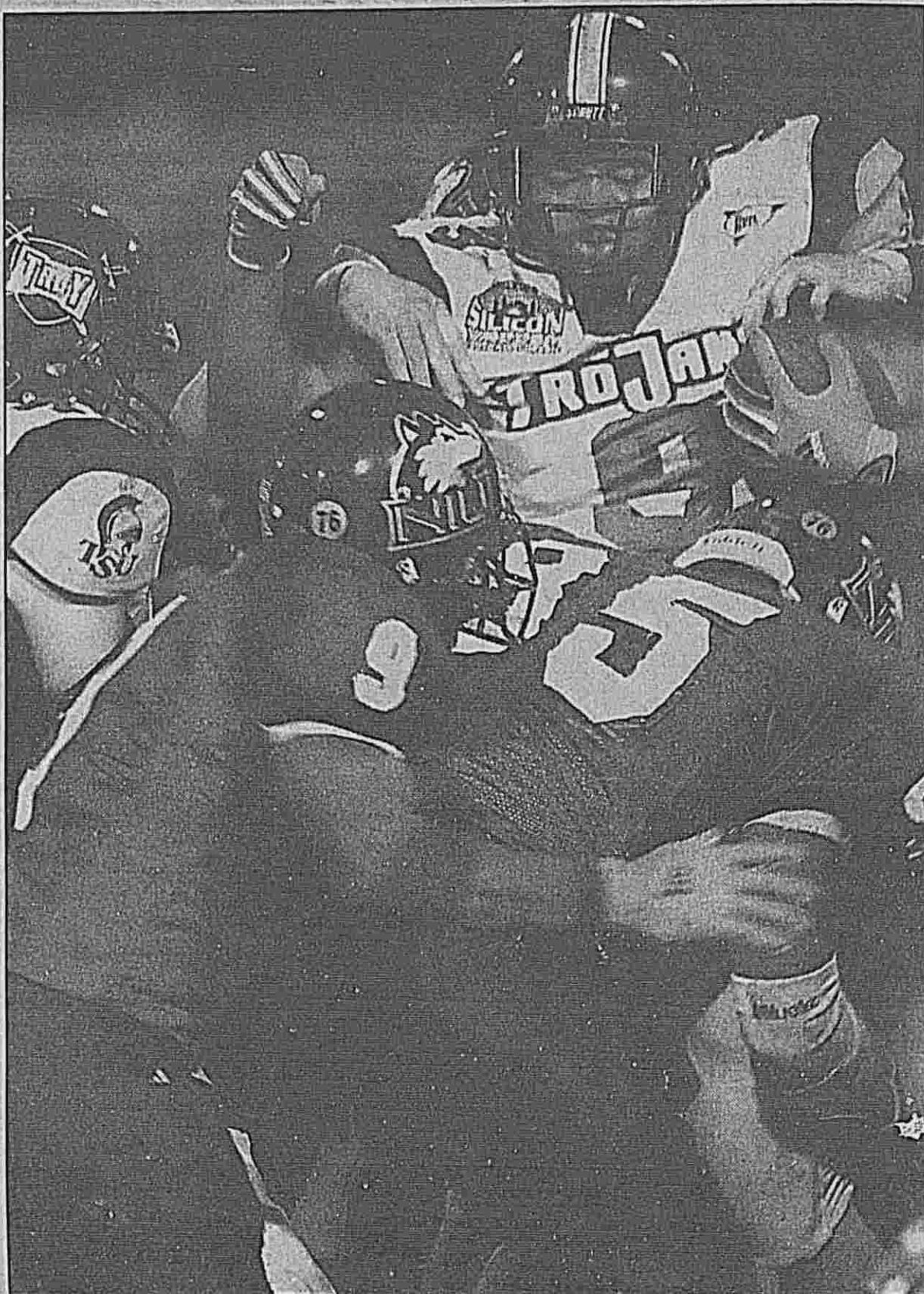


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The Northern Illinois University defense puts the clamps on Troy's running attack in the Silicon Valley Bowl. The Huskies defeated the Trojans 34-21 to give NIU its first bowl win in 21 years.

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Sequoits looking for respect

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

Looking back on the first half of the season, Antioch girls hoops coach Don Zeman can't help but wonder what might have been. His team currently sports a 4-12 record, but with a little luck the Sequoits could have been right around the .500 mark.

"I'm a little disappointed with where we're at with wins and losses," Zeman said. "There's a few games we should have been able to win, we just couldn't get it done."

The biggest reason for that, according to Zeman, has been his team's woeful shooting. Currently Antioch is shooting around 30 percent from the field as a team.

However, Zeman is able to find a silver lining in his team's offensive struggles.

"We're executing our offense and getting good looks," Zeman said. "But shooting is contagious, as is poor shooting. They'll start to fall eventually and no one will want to play us when they do."

While Zeman is frustrated by his team's poor shooting, he continues to be pleased with the improvement they've made on the defensive end.

"We've really been making some progress defensively," Zeman said. "We just need to put together both aspects of the game."

Zeman has also been pleased with the continued emergence of several players, namely point guard Holly Roberts.

"She's becoming a real leader in every sort of way," Zeman said. "She's leading the team in scoring (7 points per game) and she's second in steals. I just wish she wouldn't have to assume so much of an offensive role."

He's hoping for more of an offensive contribution from Jessica McWilliams, who's still recovering from an off-season injury.

"She's making slow, but steady progress," Zeman said. "She's had some solid rebounding performances and she's coming along defensively."

Although his team is making improvement, Zeman still knows his team faces a tough road ahead.

"It's not going to get any easier for us when we enter the (NSC) Lake portion of our schedule," the coach said. "But we've showed enough fight for teams to start respecting us. Hopefully we can sneak up on some teams and then get ready for regionals."

Antioch will open 2005 with a home game against Grant Jan. 6, followed by road games at Vernon Hills Jan. 8 and Mundelein Jan. 10.

BOYS BASKETBALL

A pair of streaks came to an end when Antioch battled Grant in an NSC crossover match up Tuesday night. When it was done, both the Bulldogs' seven-game winning streak and the Sequoits' five-game losing streak ended with a 78-57 Antioch win.

"We just did more right than wrong," Antioch coach Tom Duffy said. "We had a really good practice yesterday and that makes all

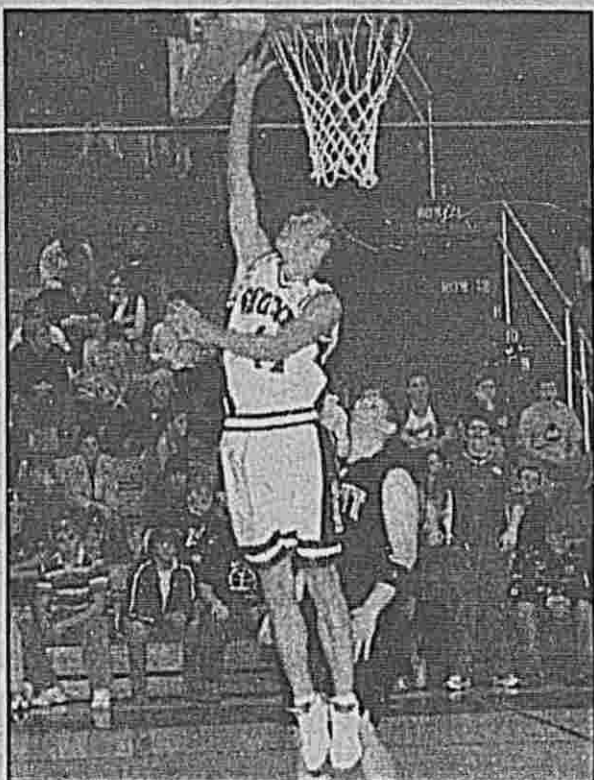


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Antioch Community High School's Mike Ruggles goes in for a layup in the Sequoits 78-57 win over Grant Tuesday night. Ruggles scored 14 points as Antioch broke a 5-game losing streak.

the difference in the world."

Antioch held just a 29-28 lead at halftime but outscored Grant 49-29 in the second half, thanks to some hot shooting and some solid defense.

"We just shot the ball really well in the second half," Duffy said. "And we put in a zone defense to combat their cutting offense. We were frustrating them the whole game."

Sean Hertz led the Sequoits (3-11) with 21 points, while Chuck Kempf (18 points) and Mike Ruggles (14) also had solid scoring efforts.

"I was really proud of the way Ruggles stepped up tonight," Duffy said.

Up next for Antioch is an NSC crossover game against Libertyville Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

The young Sequoits continued to struggle as a team, falling to 0-11 overall, with five dual-meet losses last week.

"We're getting better, but we're just so young," said Antioch coach Wilbur Borrero, who started six freshman last week. "We have some kids that are starting to come into their own; it's just a matter of time."

Nick Ward (171 points) won four of his five matches last week as did 215-pounder Ryan Cashmore, while Robby Lindstrom (103) went 3-2.

"Our goal right now is just to get better and prepare ourselves for regionals," Borrero said. "Then we're just looking to surprise some people and get some respect."

Up next for the Sequoits is two straight road meets against Grant on Jan. 6 and Libertyville Jan. 7, arguably the area's two best teams.

CARMEL



Resounding win for Corsairs

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

In the 25th year of the New Year's Eve Carmel Invite, the Corsairs experienced a first. No, it wasn't their first title at the tourney, as they had won twice previously, but they did have nine wrestlers in the finals and an amazing seven champions.

'We came out like gangbusters in the finals.'

Joe Scordino
Carmel wrestling coach

Not surprisingly, Carmel won the event with 227.5 team points, far ahead of Deerfield's second-place total of 150.

"We came out like gangbusters in the finals," Carmel coach Joe Scordino said. "To have that many guys in the finals and to have seven winners was a real exceptional job. We really came together as a team, which is what we were trying to do. I still teased them afterwards, though. I told them I wanted 11 champions."

Carmel's champions included Jason Oliva (103 pounds), DJ Fairfield (112), Michael Berrones (135), Ryan Williams (140), Billy Battistone (145), Andrew Federer (160) and Bernie Vazquez (189).

The two wins on the day improved Federer's season record to 12-0. "He's been doing a real blue-collar job for us," Scordino said. "Nothing really fancy, but he gets the job done."

Scordino was also pleased with the performances of other wrestlers.

"Vazquez had an outstanding tournament," Scordino said. "He was out with an injury and now he's come back and won his first six matches. And Battistone did a great job. He scored takedowns all day which is what we wanted him to do."

Two Corsairs, Dan Clinton (215) and Peter Maus (171), finished second, while a quartet of Carmel wrestlers, Tyler Pletz (112), Chris Borozan (125), George Tebbetts (152) and Richie Krauss (145), took third in the tourney.

With the season now halfway over, Scordino has high hopes for his team the rest of the season.

"We still have work to do, but we've been seeing improvement every match," Scordino said. "They've really been doing their homework and working hard. I'm very pleased with where we're at right now."

Carmel begins 2005 with a 7-2 record in dual meets and will face a busy week ahead. They will travel to Zion-Benton on Jan. 6, they will host a tri-meet with Marian Catholic and St. Patrick on Jan. 7 and will travel to Evanston for a quad with Deerfield and Grayslake on Jan. 8.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

After his team finished 27-4 last but lost in

the sectional semifinals, Carmel coach John Ryan decided to beef up his team's schedule.

"If you're going to be the best, you have to play the best," Ryan said. "Since the second half of our schedule was so tough because of conference, we wanted something to match that in the first half."

With that in mind, Ryan added games against New Trier, Loyola, Marshall and Von Steuben, to go along with match ups against Warren and Lake Forest at the Blue Devil Classic.

Heading into the season, Ryan told his coaches he would be happy going into 2005 with four or five losses. Given that his team now stands at 12-3, Ryan is nothing short of ecstatic with his team's start.

"I'd give us an A-plus so far," Ryan said. "Even in our three losses, those have been by a combined six points."

Ryan expected that senior Jenny Eckhart would step up and lead this year, but he never expected she'd be this good.

"She's been everything we've needed and more," Ryan said. "She makes everyone else better just by her presence on the floor. She does whatever's needed to win."

But no one can do it alone. Michael Jordan had Scottie Pippen. Shaquille O'Neal had Kobe Bryant. And Eckhart has Teresa Ogrinc.

"She's our most improved player," Ryan said. "She rebounds, she defense and she can score if she needs to. She's also become a real leader for us along with Jenny."

Speaking of improved players, senior Jill Scudder has really emerged of late, giving the Corsairs a solid inside presence.

"She's improved in every aspect of her game," Ryan said. "She rebounds and her scoring has really picked up."

The Corsairs also count on the contributions of Kendall Brown and Keli Coleman, who bring solid defense and a nose for the ball.

All of those things leave Ryan confident heading into the second half of the season.

"We don't have six Div. 1 players like Fenwick, but what we have is a bunch of experienced players who know how to play together," Ryan said. "Our goal is to win (the ESCC) conference, but we're going to take it one game at a time and see what happens."

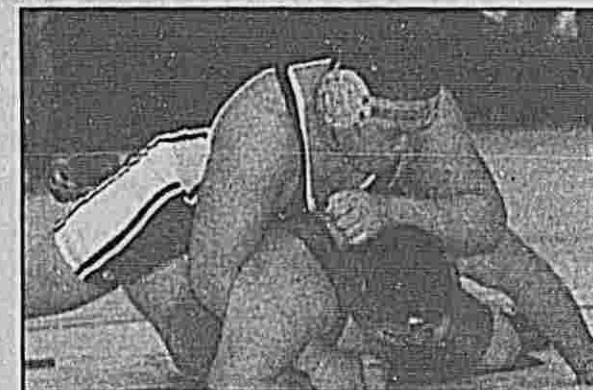


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Carmel senior Andy Miller, wrestles Erik Avila from Mather High School towards the ground during the Carmel Invitational wrestling meet. The Corsairs won the tourney handily with 227.5 team points.

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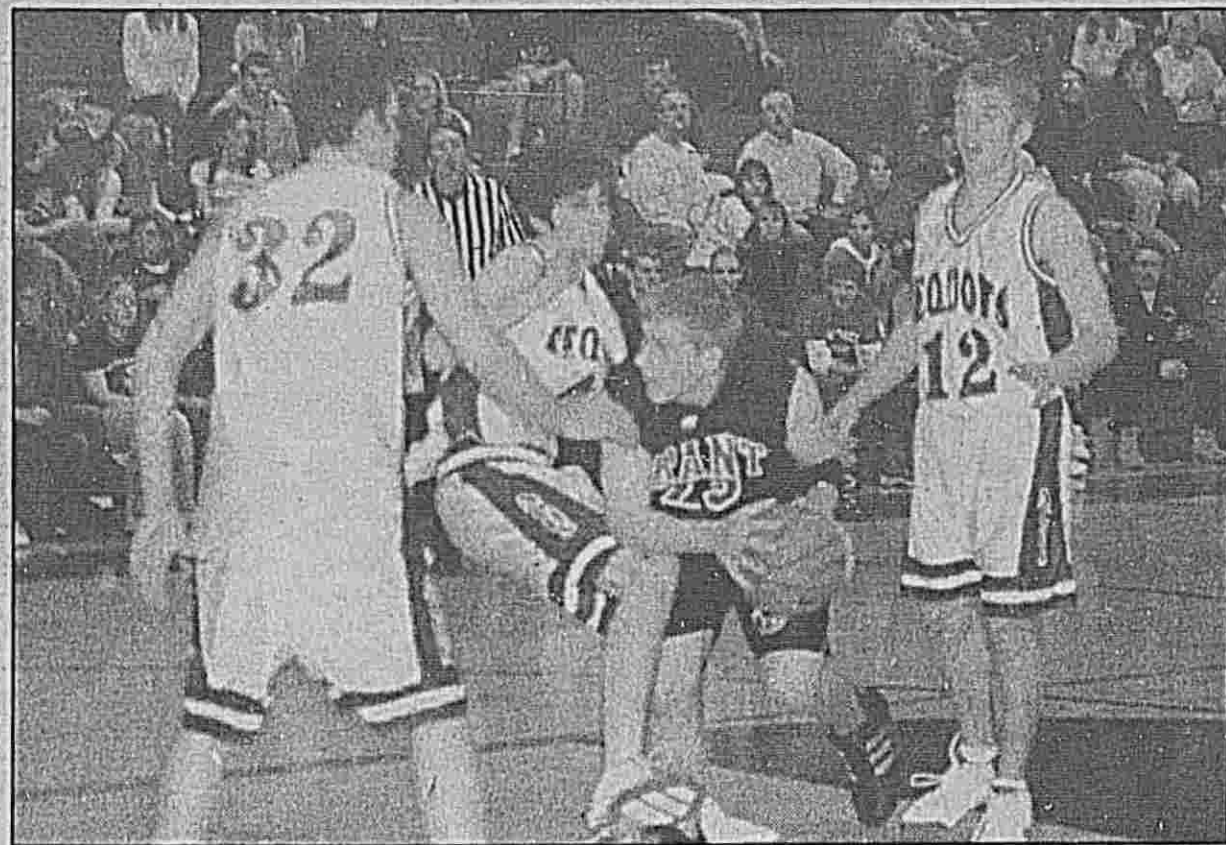
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GRANT



Bulldogs 2nd at Hampshire



File photo by Steve Young

Grant Community High School's Matt Behm struggles to find an open teammate in a 78-57 loss to Antioch Tuesday night. The loss ended the Bulldogs' 7-game winning streak.

By Steve Peterson

Sports Reporter

Grant High's basketball team knows that the first three games back after the Christmas tournament at Hampshire will be big.

Grant hosts North Chicago and star Josh Allen on Jan. 7 and is at Zion-Benton Jan. 14 in two NSC Prairie Division games after facing Antioch this week.

"We need that win," Grant coach Phil Ralston said of the battle with North Chicago. "The next three games are critical for the seeding and postseason tournament and if we are to win the division."

North Chicago is 7-6 overall, 2-1 NSC Prairie.

Grant, 3-0 NSC Prairie, claimed runner-up honors at the Hampshire Lions Club Christmas tournament with a 3-1 mark.

"It was excellent competition against three quality opponents. We extended our winning streak to seven games, our best in two years and are 7-4. We understand more how to win than we did at the beginning of the year," Ralston said.

The Bulldogs got steady efforts from the likes of Eric Lostrosio and point guard Mike Mauch, but also from players off the bench who stepped it up. This includes senior guard Greg Sheil.

"The most important thing that we ask anyone to come in off the bench do is not to commit turnovers, get the ball into the hands of our leading scorers and take high percentage shots," Ralston said. Grant did not have Rick Gaylor due to injury or Matt Behm for the tourney, allowing opportunities for other players.

Lostrosio is not only the team's leading scorer at 19 points per game, but also averages 8 rebounds a game and has contributed in many other areas. "I can't say enough good things about Eric. Teams try to take away his drives to the basket, but then he can hit outside shots and that opens things up for teammates. He is also very good at getting the ball into the hands of teammates for looks, making him more of a threat," Ralston said.

Mauch played well back at point guard at the tourney, the coach said. The junior had 16 points in a 54-36 win over Westminster Christian. Lostrosio tallied 22 points in that game.

Lostrosio and Mauch were named to the all-tournament team.

Grant also beat Marmion from Aurora. Grant won a close game 57-54 for a 3-0 mark in pool play.

A hot shooting team from Sycamore denied Grant in the title game, 86-56. Reid Barringer was the main thorn in Grant's side with six three-pointers for 18 points, breaking open a close game early. Lostrosio and Mauch had 17 points each for the Bulldogs. Sheil had a career-high 13 points.

"In five minutes, he (Barringer) hit six

three-pointers, despite the fact that we had a hand in his face. It was demoralizing. We tried different defenses, but neither seemed to work. I don't think that we will see a better scoring team the rest of the season. We're holding teams to 40 percent shooting and they shot 60 percent against us," Ralston said.

A stifling defense employed by Grant allowed the Bulldogs to play the role of Grinch when it comes to Hampshire's plans for offense.

'We need that win (against North Chicago). The next three games are critical for the seeding and postseason tournament and if we are to win the division.'

Phil Ralston

Grant High School
head boys' basketball coach

It helped make the return to the Hampshire Christmas tournament a successful one for Grant in a 53-41 win over the Whip-Purs.

"We even surprised ourselves. We had 10 days to prepare for them and had a good game plan and a scouting report and executed our goals," said Grant coach Phil Ralston.

Hampshire, known for its perimeter game, shot just 16 percent from beyond the arc, 30 percent overall.

Grant shot 50 percent from the field. "All five guys were getting touches and were threats to score," Ralston said.

Lostrosio led the way with 22 points. Mauch added 17 and Travis Frey had eight points and six rebounds.

Grant led by 17 points in the first half, but the Whip-Purs trimmed it to five in the second. "We called a timeout when they cut it to 39-34 and told them how hard we worked for the 17-point lead. We held our composure," Ralston said.

WRESTLING

Grant is 13-0 in duals as the Bulldogs beat Grayslake 46-12, New Trier 45-21 and Mundelein 55-24.

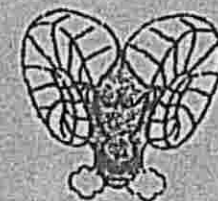
"We feel that going 3-0 is pretty good. It kicks off the second half of the season," Geist said.

Grant faces a challenge to its crown won at the Sycamore tournament last year, on Jan. 8.

Going 3-0 for the Bulldogs in their latest sweep of three foes in one day were: Danny Deligio at 103, Izzy Montemayer at 112, John Deneen at 139, Daniel Dennis at 135, Toby Temple at 140, Joel Montemayer at 145, Rick Howell at 152, Joe Barczak at 160 and Eric Horvath at 189.

Tough competition at Sycamore should come from Clinton, Iowa, York, Willowbrook and Rockton Hononegah.

GRAYSLAKE



3rd quarter surge lifts Rams

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

At the end of the first quarter of Tuesday night's non-conference match up between Grayslake and Libertyville, the Rams found themselves down 14-10 and Rams' coach Tim Bowen decided enough was enough.

"After the first quarter I told the guys to pick up their defensive intensity," Bowen said.

And that's exactly what the Rams did, holding the explosive Libertyville offense to just 21 points over the final three quarters in a 51-35 win.

"The kids are very coachable and they can adjust," Bowen said. "We were able to stay with it."

With the game close midway through the second quarter, Elias Washington poured in his 11th point of the first half to give Grayslake a 20-17 lead with 3:21 left in the opening half. Brian Centella then added two baskets for a 24-22 halftime lead.

Although his team had the lead, Bowen knew the game would be decided in the third quarter, as it was last year in the regional opener.

"We came out sluggish in the third quarter against them last year and we didn't want that happening again," Bowen said.

Instead it was the Cats, thanks in part to a suffocating Grayslake defense, that came out sluggish, as the Rams outscored Libertyville 15-6 in that decisive quarter to take a 39-28 lead into the fourth quarter. Washington and Centella each had a pair of baskets in the stanza.

"This is supposed to be one of the best teams we play this year," Washington said. "We felt like we had to come out strong in the third

quarter because they ended out season last year."

After Joe Damico opened up the fourth quarter with a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 39-31, Washington poured in two straight baskets, including a two-handed slam to push the lead to 43-31. Centella (20 points) then took over with a personal 6-0 run to put the game away.

But the story of the game was the play of Washington, who had game-highs with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

"It's a big key for other guys to step up when guys are locking down Brian on defense," Washington said.

Bowen knew that Washington was capable of the performance, saying: "He's very athletic and brings a lot of energy. He grew up a lot over the holiday tournament."

The win improved Grayslake's record to 9-5 overall and gave the Rams their fourth straight victory.

"We have a long ways to go, but we're a good enough team right now," Bowen said. "We made it through a tough transition period and now Doug (Hanson) is back, so that helps."

Grayslake's next game will be a home contest against Carmel Jan. 11 at 7 p.m.

WRESTLING

Although his team heads into the second half of the season with a sub-.500 record (5-7), Grayslake coach Steve Wood remains confident in his team's chances the rest of the season.

"It's been a pretty average season so far," Wood said. "But we could easily be 5-0 in (the Fox Valley) conference right now. We lost three matches based on a loss in one weight class. The good thing is that the most important part of the season is still ahead."

Grayslake closed out the first half of the season with a quad at New Trier on Thursday, defeating the host Trevians 39-28 in the first meet.

"The kids wrestled pretty well," Wood said. "New Trier was probably a better team but we won a few key matches and that served as a springboard."

One of those matches came from 171 pounder Matt Simon, who came back from an early deficit, tied it in the third period and later won with a pin.

Other winners included Dane Lund (125 pounds), Curran Allenstein (130), Travis Atkins (135), Drew Spencer (140), Eric Rohde (189) and David Quedens (215).

The Rams were then crushed by a superior Grant team, 46-12, in the second match. Lund and Marvin Mantras (275) were the lone Grayslake winners.

Grayslake then bounced back against a shorthanded Mundelein team, defeating the Mustangs 51-22. Lund, Allenstein, August Trexler (160), Simon, Rohde and James Wright (152) were all victorious.

"We knew we couldn't lose because of forfeits, so there was the potential for a letdown," Wood said. "But the guys made it through and won the matches they were supposed to win."

The Rams will host Crystal Lake Central Jan. 6 before traveling to Huntley on Jan. 7 and Evanston Jan. 8.

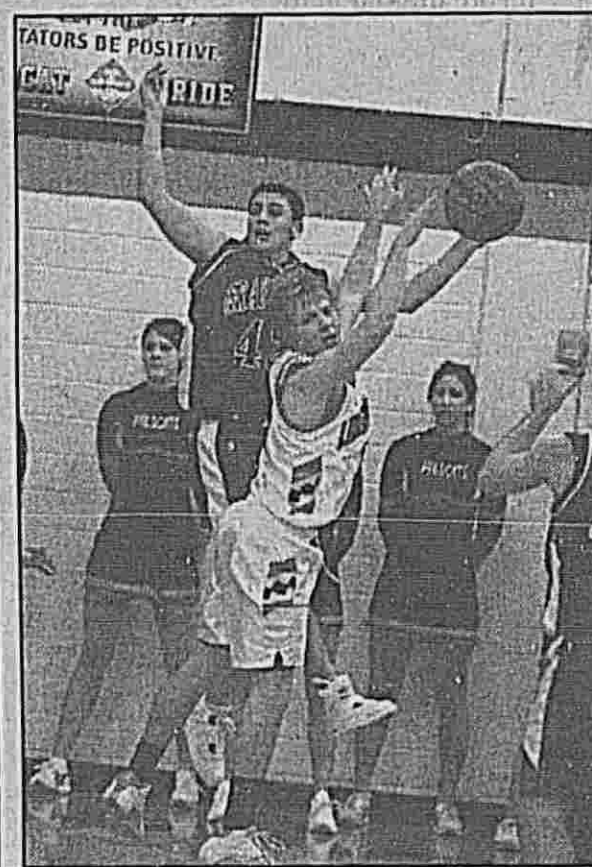


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Grayslake Community High School's Brian Centella grabs a rebound from Libertyville's Matt Hogan during a 51-35 non-conference win for the Rams.

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LIBERTYVILLE



3rd quarter kills Cats

By Matt Pera

Sports Reporter

Libertyville boys basketball coach Scott Bogumil is not justifying the Wildcats' 5-9 start when he points to their tough schedule.

But playing powerhouses like Proviso East, Thornton, Warren and Waukegan before the holidays would be enough to give most coaches a headache.

"We've had a really rough start and we just have not recovered from it," Bogumil said. "It's just been really hard. Our schedule's brutal. That's no excuse but I just thought we would have come out of it a little better."

The Wildcats are still trying to recover and their struggles continued Tuesday night, when they lost to Grayslake 51-35 in a non-conference match-up.

After hanging with the Rams (9-5) for much of the first half, turnovers and a lack of offensive rhythm did the Wildcats in after half-time.

Libertyville was well within scoring distance at the break, only trailing 24-22.

But the second half was a completely different story.

Wildcats junior guard Matt Hogan hit his first two shots to open the third quarter, which tied the score at 26 all.

But then the Rams got hot behind the frontcourt duo of senior Brian Centella, who finished the game with 20 points, and junior Elias Washington, who notched 21 points and ten rebounds.

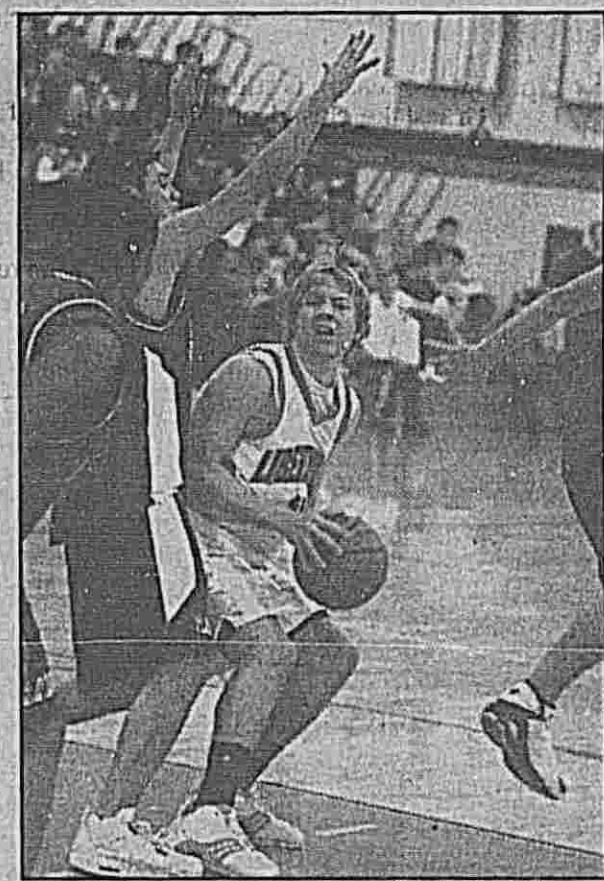


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Libertyville High School's Matt Hogan attempts to go up for a shot from under the basket during a 51-35 non-conference loss to Grayslake High School.

Grayslake outscored Libertyville 15-6 in the third to gain a 39-28 advantage and never looked back.

Bogumil said his team began to gamble defensively when they fell behind, which led to several fast break opportunities for the Rams.

"They do a nice job spreading the floor," he said of Grayslake. "We saw that when we scouted them. So we didn't want to get behind more than five or six and that happened and we were pretty much in trouble at that point."

The lead continued to expand in the fourth quarter, as Washington and Centella combined to score all of their team's final 12 points.

As a team, the Wildcats were only able to manage 13 points in the second half on 5 of 14 shooting and were forced into ten turnovers.

Hogan led Libertyville with ten points, while senior forward Kyle Johnson contributed nine.

Bogumil said the Rams' quick, scrappy style of play frustrated his squad for the most of the night.

He added that the Wildcats have a tendency to let the opposition set the tone of the game, which has stopped them from implementing their game plan.

"If a team like Waukegan is running all over the place, we're going to run all over the place," he said. "If a team's slowing the ball up, we'll be tentative on offense when we don't need to be. We want to run all the time, get easy baskets. We have to be the ones that establish the tempo."

The Wildcats will look to bounce back when they take travel to Antioch Friday night for North Suburban Conference Lake Division action.

The Sequoias have struggled to a 3-11 record thus far in the season.

"(Antioch has) some nice shooters," Bogumil said. "They run a lot of nice sets. They're struggling to put the ball right now. They're well-coached. They're just lacking on the scoring right now."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Libertyville girls basketball team got off to a slow start and never recovered, losing at Deerfield 55-47 Tuesday night.

Alli Van Beek, who notched 11 points, and Brenna Bohl, who scored eight, led the Wildcats.

Libertyville (4-12, 1-3) fell behind 21-8 in the first quarter and was down 35-15 at half-time.

The Wildcats found a bit more offense in the second half, outscoring Deerfield 14-3 in the third quarter to make the score 38-29. But the first half deficit proved too much to overcome.

The loss came on the heels of a 44-40 consolation bracket defeat at the hands of Stevenson at the Dundee-Crown Invitational Dec. 31.

Libertyville senior guard Jamie Freese led the Wildcats with nine points in the NSC Lake match-up.

MUNDELEIN



Defense costs Mustangs title

By Matt Pera

Sports Reporter

The Mundelein girls basketball team has not had to worry much about their performance on the offensive end of the floor this season.

With senior guards Sarah Miller and Beth Rosendahl and senior forward Ashley Cretacci, the Mustangs can almost always get their points.

It's the other side of the ball, on defense, which has concerned coaches and players alike.

Many members of the team have talked about a glaring need to shut down the opposition, which has only happened in spurts through the first half of the schedule.

The defensive concerns continued last Thursday night when the Mustangs lost 61-53 in overtime to Conant in the final game of the Mundelein Holiday Tournament.

"We're a team that says we want to pride ourselves on defense and then we can't get a stop when we need a stop," assistant coach Jeff Harding said.

The Cougars (5-11) used a third quarter rally in which they outscored Mundelein 20-10, as well as key free throws down the stretch, to notch the win and go 3-2 in the tournament.

Conant was led by the outstanding shooting of senior guard Stephanie Stram, who had 32 points on the night.

"She's a tough player," Conant head coach Kelly O'Connor said. "She works very hard on her game. She always used to be just a shooter and she studies film daily. She sets goals for herself and she's really come on for us this year a lot."

Harding said Stram's tenacity, combined with the Mustangs' struggles defensively, was the key to the game.

"(Stram) wanted the ball in her hands at the end of the game," he said. "She wanted the ball in her hands and she made it happen on their end of the floor. And defensively, we didn't stop them."

Stram, who earned all-tournament honors, shined in the overtime.

With the Cougars up 50-49 early in the extra period, Stram made a nice move and drove to the basket for a lay up to put her team up three.

After the Mustangs (12-5) missed two shots on back-to-back possessions, Stram struck again with another lay up that put Conant on top 54-49 with 1:10 to play.

The Cougars then went 7 of 8 from the free-throw line in the final minute to put the game away.

"We had to send (Conant) to the foul line I don't know how many times in the overtime and at the end of the fourth quarter," Miller said. "We gave them too many chances on the offensive end. Defense is what it comes down to."

Miller and Rosendahl led the Mustangs with 12 and 14 points respectively and, along with Cretacci, were named to the all-tourney team.

Heading into the game against the Cougars, Mundelein was 3-0 in the tourna-

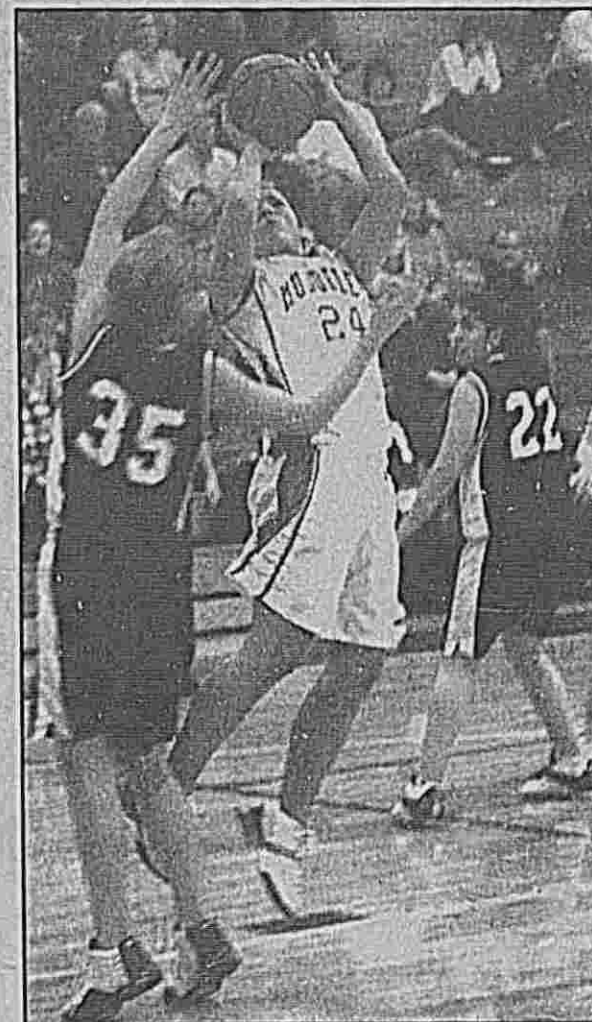


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Mundelein senior Sarah Miller makes an attempt at a basket while playing in the Mundelein High School Girls Basketball Holiday Tournament 2004. The Mustangs finished 2nd in the tourney behind Zion-Benton.

ment and appeared on their way to taking the title, which was decided by points allowed.

But after giving up 61 to Conant, the first place trophy went to Zion-Benton who held their opponents to 221 points overall. Mundelein took second place with 228 points allowed in the tourney.

Miller said the team was not even satisfied with some of the wins in the tournament because the defense allowed too much scoring.

"We have so many scorers on this team it doesn't matter who gets shut down, we have a lot of people that can step up on the offensive end," she said. "But the defense is what killed us this whole tournament."

WRESTLING

Empty slots in several weight classes again haunted the Mundelein wrestling team at the New Trier quad last Thursday, Dec. 30.

The Mustangs did not field a wrestler in the 103-, 112- or 145-pound categories, which spotted the opposition 18 points.

Grayslake defeated Mundelein 46-19 at the quad, while Grant coasted to a 55-24 win over the Mustangs.

Senior 215-pounder Mike Avalos and junior 275-pounder Cesar Solorio had the best showings at the meet both going 2-0, with Solorio notching two pins.

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ROUND LAKE

Win gives Panthers hope



Round Lake High School's Tim Theobald goes after Wauconda's Hawk Halduke during a game earlier this season. The Panthers picked up their first win of the season over winter break.

By Steve Peterson
Sports Reporter

Round Lake High boys basketball coach Mark Petrynek knows that a brighter future is ahead for the basketball teams there, but won't give up on this season just yet, either.

When junior John Paulsen took a pass from senior Toby Artega and put home a close shot to beat the buzzer and made a free-throw, Round Lake gained more than its first win of the year, a 60-58 win over Mundelein. "It showed them that they could maintain hustle and it gave them a boost. It showed them that they can win a game," Petrynek said of the win at the Jacobs tournament. The win came after 11 losses to open the season.

Powerful Zion-Benton visits Round Lake Jan. 7 as North Suburban Conference Prairie action resumes. Zion-Benton did not lose a game until a 56-50 loss to Stagg in the Luther North Holiday tournament, for a 13-1 record. Rajohn Kidd and Michael Winters lead the talented Zee-Bees. Zion plays mighty Warren the next night, so the Panthers are hoping that the Zee-Bees may be looking ahead. Zion is 3-0 in the NSC Prairie, co-leader with Grant.

"Every game counts and we have to take something positive from each game," the rookie coach said. "We have to be comfortable in knowing our roles as players. We've added a few plays during practice." Changing the philosophy of "but I made the shot" to running the offense is also key.

Paulsen is the leading scorer, although Artega, junior Brian Mendralla, Tim Theobald and Joe Johnson have all had their moments.

The Panthers have added prospect Jerome Brown, who has AAU playing experience, to the roster.

"Then there is Mendralla. He scored 17 points against Mundelein, but I was not aware that he had 17. He did a fantastic job on defense against someone three or four inches taller than he is," the coach said.

Johnson is a "string bean" at 6-3, 155, but can shoot 90 percent from the free-throw line and 80 percent from the field.

Petrynek said there are many examples of teams with a solid base in fundamentals beating teams with a superstar.

Basics such as boxing out well for rebounds and face guarding are being stressed.

"We're not there yet. We have to work on execution," Petrynek said.

Round Lake battles at Vernon Hills Jan. 14 and Wheeling Jan. 18 in coming games. The

Panthers will have three games with Mundelein this year, with the third battle to close out the regular season.

WRESTLING

Round Lake High's wrestling team knows that the competition will be tougher as the calendar has turned to the second half of the wrestling season.

The Panthers have the confidence of a winning dual meet season, as they are 7-2. Tough tests loom Jan. 8 as the Panthers welcome Buffalo Grove, Lake Zurich, Warren and Libertyville. Round Lake is also at Zion-Benton, in an NSC Prairie Division battle, on Jan. 7.

"We know going into the second half of the season that the competition will be tougher, so we really have to pick it up," said coach John Jobst.

The Panthers posted three wins at Bartlett Dec. 30, with victories coming over the home team by one, 36-35, Waukegan 43-27 and St. Viator 65-12.

James Huffman provided the margin of victory against Bartlett, as the Panthers came from behind with his win at 119 pounds. "Dillon Pousson and Derrick Pousson (at 103 and 112 pounds, respectively) had just pinned their kids, but we needed a win from James. James has done a nice job for us as a sophomore," Jobst said.

Huffman won 10-7, pulling out a win at the buzzer. Huffman was 2-1 for the day.

The Panthers had 3-0 records from Dillon Pousson, Derrick Pousson and Dustin Pousson, who wrestles at 135. Winning twice were Huffman, Ryan Bernard at 140, D.J. Russell at 145 and Josh Terrell at 152. Terrell's lone loss came to a Bartlett wrestler who was second at the state tourney last year.

Overall records show several Panthers with marks well above .500. Dillon Pousson is 15-2, Derrick Pousson 16-5, Dustin Pousson 14-5 with 10 pins and a 5-0 mark over break; Bernard is 14-4 and Terrell is 15-6.

Round Lake hosts its next several matches. Johnsburg battles the Panthers on Jan. 20 and Mundelein visits Jan. 21.

"To beat the better teams, we will have to work on staying off our backs and getting more pins," Jobst said.

CORRECTION

In last week's issue Round Lake freshman basketball player Jerome Brown was incorrectly identified as Jermaine Brown. We apologize for the error.

VERNON HILLS

Cougars look to streak

By Matt Pera

Sports Reporter

Traditionally, this is the time of year when people feel they like they have a clean slate. The mistakes of the previous 365 days are symbolically wiped away and the New Year ushers in a chance to start out fresh.

People will throw out their cigarettes and vow to never smoke again; others will pledge to start exercising and some will swear off junk food.

While those vows will only last about 45 minutes for most people, Vernon Hills boys head basketball coach Matt McCarty said he hopes the Cougars' changes for the New Year will endure.

With 2004 and a 1-12 record now behind them, McCarty had his players write down some team resolutions at Monday's practice in order to instill some new objectives for 2005.

One goal McCarty said he would like to see his team accomplish is a sustained winning streak.

"It's been a long time since this program won three in a row," he said. "With some of the games we have coming up, that's a goal of ours—to get in a rhythm and finish games out and get a couple wins in a row."

The Cougars finished off 2004 on the right track with a 55-38 rout of Carmel at Wheeling High School's Wildcat Hardwood Classic last Tuesday.

Vernon Hills junior center Bob Coy led the way with 14 points and four rebounds. But McCarty said the most encouraging factor of the game was key offensive contributions from several other players.

Sophomore guard Casey Fijalkowski flirted with a double-double, tallying nine points and ten rebounds, and junior point guard Dan Nagle notched seven points, five steals, four rebounds and three assists.

Junior forward Matt Kroes and sophomore guard Andrew Catanzaro also chipped in eight points apiece.

"It was a good team win," McCarty said. "Guys were thinking about things too much in other games. We just went out and played (against Carmel) and we scored the most we've scored all year and we had lots of contributions from a lot of people."

After losing forward Steve Radojevic and his 17-point scoring average to graduation last season, McCarty said such an evenly spread scoring attack is the team's best chance of getting on a run in conference play.

He added that the most encouraging aspect of the team's play has been their defense.

"I've told them all along that we defend much better this year than last year," McCarty

said. "We're trying to find ways to make up for losing (Radojevic's) scoring and I think it takes a while for guys to grow into that role. Scoring does come real easy for us."

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Matt McCarty
Vernon Hills boys' head basketball coach

The Cougars will look to put their New Year's resolutions into practice when they host North Suburban Conference Prairie Division foe Wauconda Friday night. It will mark the team's first home game since they played North Chicago Dec. 7.

"If we keep sharing the ball and have guys score seven, eight, nine points and we have four or five guys doing that for us, a lot of options will open up," McCarty said.

WRESTLING

With half of the season now complete, Vernon Hills wrestling head coach Jerry Miceli said he has been fairly happy with his team's development thus far in the season.

But, with a 7-8 overall record, he added that he knows there is room to get better down the stretch.

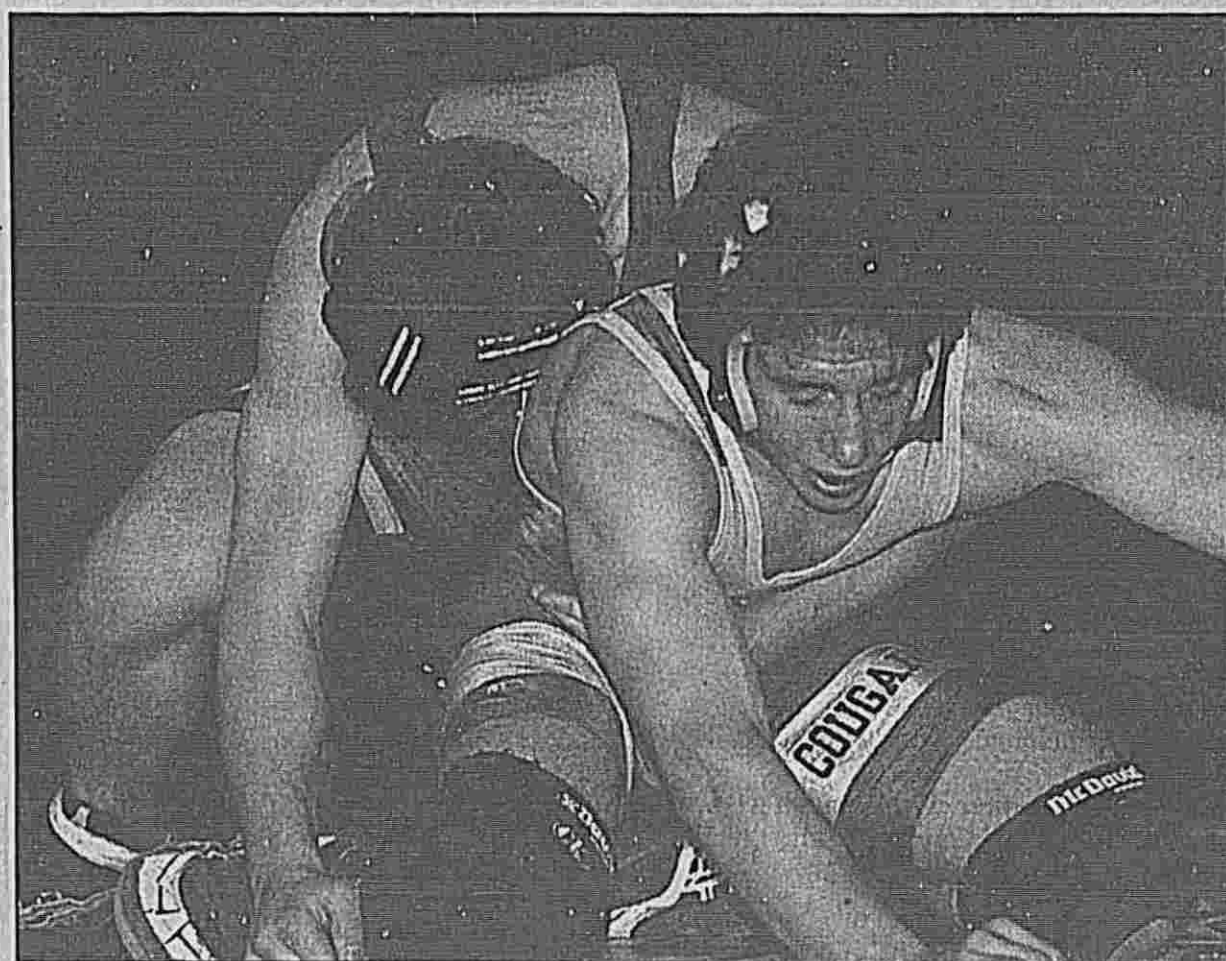
"We're right where we thought we would be but I was hoping for a little bit more improvement, just like any coach," he said. "But we really have to make a push these next 4-5 weeks."

Grant has established itself as the top contender in the North Suburban Prairie Division, so Miceli said in order to make some noise in the division the Cougars have to take care of business against conference foes Round Lake and Wauconda.

Vernon Hills 171-pounder Gordon Scharf (19-2 overall record) and 135-pounder Tom Rams (13-6) will look to continue to pace the Cougars in that cause.

And in a loaded conference that features powerhouse like Libertyville, Warren, Stevenson and Grant, Miceli said he would like to see some of his talented wrestlers fare well individually.

"We're going to try to get as many individuals as we can to be all-conference," he said.



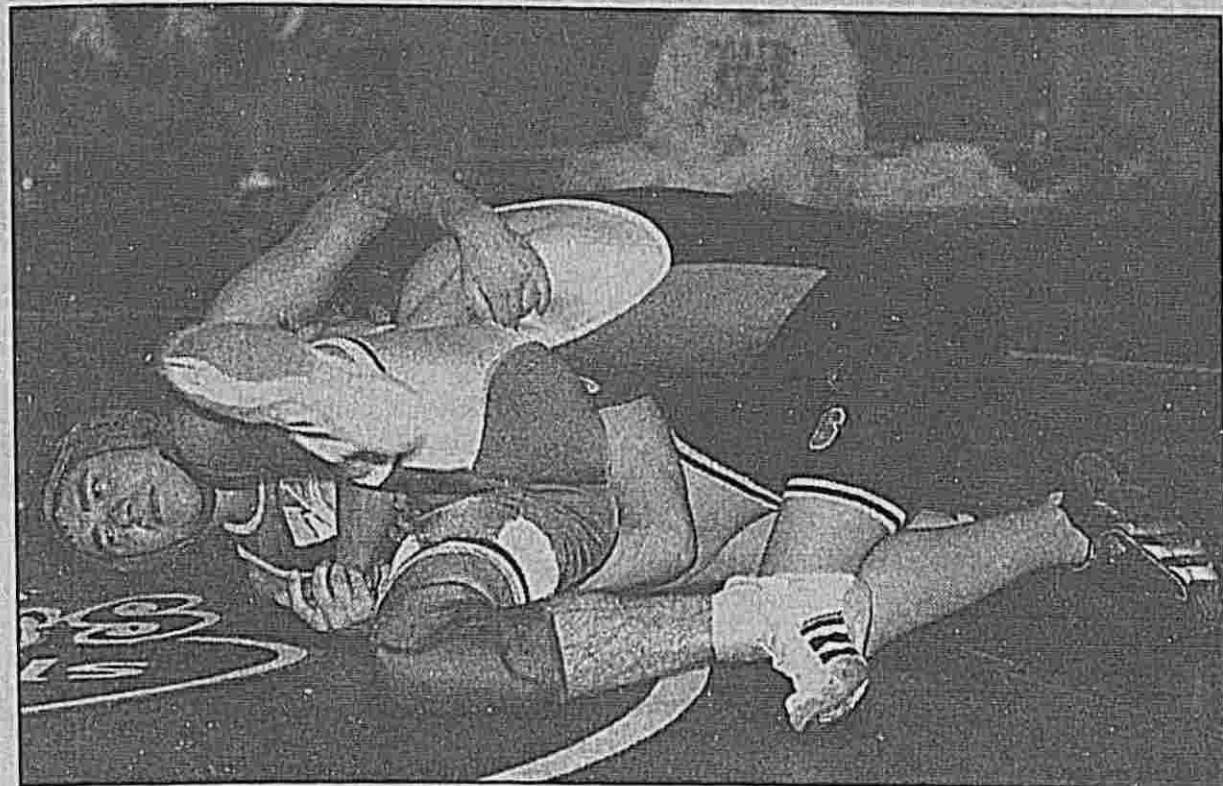
Vernon Hills High School's Thomas Rams competes against a Highland Park wrestler during a match in Vernon Hills earlier this season. The Cougars head into the second half of the season with a 7-8 record in dual meets.

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WARREN



Devils 7th at Palatine



File photo by Sandy Bressner

Warren Township High School's Scott Malagon goes up against a Palatine High School wrestler in the 135-pound weight class during a quad match at Vernon Hills High School last month. The Devils finished 7th at the Palatine Invite last week.

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

Despite missing three of its top wrestlers, Scott Malagon, Jamie Jacobo and Brennan Drew, Warren pressed ahead, finishing 7th out of 15 teams at the Palatine Tournament last week.

"We were down some guys, so I didn't feel too bad about our finish," Warren coach Mark Tiffany said.

He also didn't feel too bad about the finish of 112 pounder Jon Gonzalez, who took the title.

"It was pretty exciting to watch, but Jon is always like that," Tiffany said. "He's just a tough, aggressive kid."

Joey Baruffi could have won the title at 215 pounds, but suffered a neck injury in the semifinals due to an illegal move. He was forfeited the match, but was held out of the finals for precautionary reasons.

Chris Rottweiler lost in the semifinals at 160 pounds, but bounced back with a win in the third place match.

"He's been working real hard," Tiffany said. "He put a lot of effort into his off-season. He's a real overachiever."

Brian Caselli (130 pounds) and Brandon Ward, a last-second addition at 215 pounds, both finished fourth.

"Caselli never gives up," Tiffany said. "And Ward lifted a lot of weights and has made himself into a real strong wrestler. He's getting better and better."

With the season now halfway over, Tiffany has a simple goal for his team the rest of the way.

"We're just trying to eliminate mistakes every week," Tiffany said. "The guys are working hard and I like their attitude. We have some good leadership, so hopefully we'll continue to get better."

Warren will open 2005 with home matches against Deerfield Jan. 6 and Lake Forest Jan. 7.

"We have some challenges coming up," Tiffany said. "Hopefully everyone is healthy and ready to go in the second half."

BOYS BASKETBALL

Warren coach Chuck Ramsey couldn't help but feel a little disappointed as his team walked off the court in Pontiac last Wednesday having suffered its second loss of the day.

But he was able to take consolation in the fact that his team had its best ever finish at the holiday tournament (4th) and that they proved they belonged with the best teams in the state.

"A bounce either way could have won both those games," Ramsey said. "But that was the first time we've ever reached the final four. I was pleased with the finish overall. We played good defense, and we learned that we need to be more consistent on offense."

The Devils opened the tournament with a 63-30 drubbing of Lockport. They held the

Porters to just 11 points in the first half and forced 20 turnovers in the contest.

"We were able to play real good defense the whole game," Ramsey said.

Marcus Lewis led the way offensively with 22 points on 9 of 12 shooting through three quarters. Sophomore Logan Derrick came in and paved the way in the second quarter with a trio of 3-pointers, finishing with 16 points on 5 of 7 from the field. Ceola Clark chipped in with 6 points and 3 steals.

Warren then came out the next day and topped Oak Park-River Forest 56-41. The Devils had just a 25-23 lead at halftime but responded with a 16-6 third quarter run to pull away. The Devils were able to hit 12 of 16 fourth-quarter free throws to seal the win.

'A bounce either way could have won both those games (in the holiday tournament at Pontiac). But that was the first time we've ever reached the final four.'

Chuck Ramsey

Warren boys' basketball coach

"They were really hurting us with their fast break in the first half," Ramsey said. "But we were able to play much better transition defense in the third quarter."

Lewis scored a game-high 20 points to lead Warren, while Clark (11 points) and Marvin Bembry (10) also had solid scoring efforts.

The Devils appeared well on their way to forcing overtime against top-seeded Simeon in the semifinals when Derrick tied the game with a 3-pointer in the game's final seconds. However, Simeon star Derrick Rose, who was held without a field goal in the second half, was fouled on the ensuing inbounds pass and nailed a free throw to give the Wolverines a 47-46 win.

Ramsey pointed to the discrepancy at the free-throw line as the difference. Simeon connected on 11 of 16 attempts, while Warren hit just 3 of its 8 tries from the charity stripe.

Clark (13 points, 6 rebounds), Lewis (11 points) and Mitchell Moore (10 points, 4 boards) had solid games for the Devils. Bembry (9 points) did an excellent job holding Rose to just 14 points.

Warren was tied 30-30 with Aurora West heading into the fourth quarter of the third place match but was outscored 15-8 in the final 8 minutes, losing 45-38. The loss dropped the team's record to 10-2.

The team will come out of winter break with road games at Lake Forest on Jan. 7 and Zion-Benton Jan. 8.

WAUCONDA



Grapplers starting out 'Young'

By Steve Peterson

Sports Reporter

Chris Esvang continues his mission to spread his knowledge of the basics of wrestling.

Three times a week, members of the Young Champions youth wrestling club gather at Wauconda High School. Learning pointers from Esvang and a group of volunteers.

"We have 39 wrestlers, from ages 4 to 13. There are three or four tournaments to choose from each weekend, and normally each kid gets a trophy or a medal or ribbon," Esvang said.

Esvang was a four-time state qualifier at Crete-Monee high school in downstate Illinois. He has been associated with Young Champions for 12 years now, along with its co-founder, Mark Stave.

'We teach the fundamentals, and the sportsmanship and believe that the wins will take care of themselves.'

Chris Esvang

Coach for Young Champions youth wrestling club

"Coach Tom Nance (WHS) helps us to have it, as his wrestlers work our tournament and comes in and does practices," Esvang said. WHS helped host a two gym meet in early December. Clubs from Plainfield to Richmond competed in the Dogfight Wrestling Tournament.

Pete Koostra, a 95-pounder and Tom Pavlovich, an upper weight contender, made Team Illinois from the Wauconda club. Steve Kent, a freshman 152 pounder on the varsity, and Ernie Schaal are recent graduates of Young Champions.

Bill Campbell founded the organization, and Rich Popovich continued to work on it, and Esvang is now in charge. Sylvia Pavlovich is the current club president.

"I have a lot of respect for the time and effort that the parents put in," said WHS coach Tom Nance. "It is great exposure for the kids to wrestling. We advertise it heavily in the grade

schools and have a free clinic at the high school.

"We teach the fundamentals, and the sportsmanship and believe that the wins will take care of themselves. Wrestling is about good character. It is a team sport, but mostly individual," Esvang said. "You either love it or hate it. Most find out in the first couple of days, but those that like it tend to stick with it."

Young Champions wrestlers range from 76 pounds to 167. Some tournaments have wrestlers in the 200 pounds or greater brackets.

Esvang, 31, lives in unincorporated McHenry but works in the Wauconda Public Works Department.

The next huge junior meet is Jan. 15, a state meet in Peoria.

WRESTLING

Illness and injury hurt Wauconda High's plans to make some progress on the wrestling mat over winter break.

WHS dropped matches to Lake Forest and Harvard. Lake Forest downed Wauconda 61-18. Winners for the Bulldogs included Nick Swanson at 130 pounds and Randy Nedli at 152 in contested matches.

"It was Nedli's first varsity match and he won by fall in 28 seconds. Andrew Baker (189) won by a major decision and Eric Madsen won by fall," said WHS coach Tom Nance.

Heavyweight Scott Hoy, who was 3-0 the two days, also won.

Harvard beat Wauconda 48-17. Erinie Schall won at 145, as did Neal Swanson at 135, 16-7 and John Champion won a major decision 20-7 at 160.

Some Bulldogs have been battling the injury bug. Nick Swanson, at 125 pounds, has been out with a shoulder injury while 152 pounder Steve Kent suffered a concussion in practice and has been out of the lineup. Also missing is Josh Eckmann at 171 pounds, who has been ill but is expected to return.

Too many forfeits cost the Bulldogs in a 46-32 loss to Prairie Ridge.

Hay used a headlock move to win by fall in 45 seconds and Champion completed a three-win stretch with another win. Neal Swanson won in a first period fall.

Wauconda hosts Waukegan, Elmwood Park, Zion-Benton and Johnsbury at its "bad mark" tourney Jan. 8. WHS battles Vernon Hills in a big division match Jan. 7.

The frosh-soph team completed in a tournament at McHenry earlier in the year. Max Bernard won at 125 pounds, Kent won by fall at 145 and Robert Champion won at 275 for WHS.

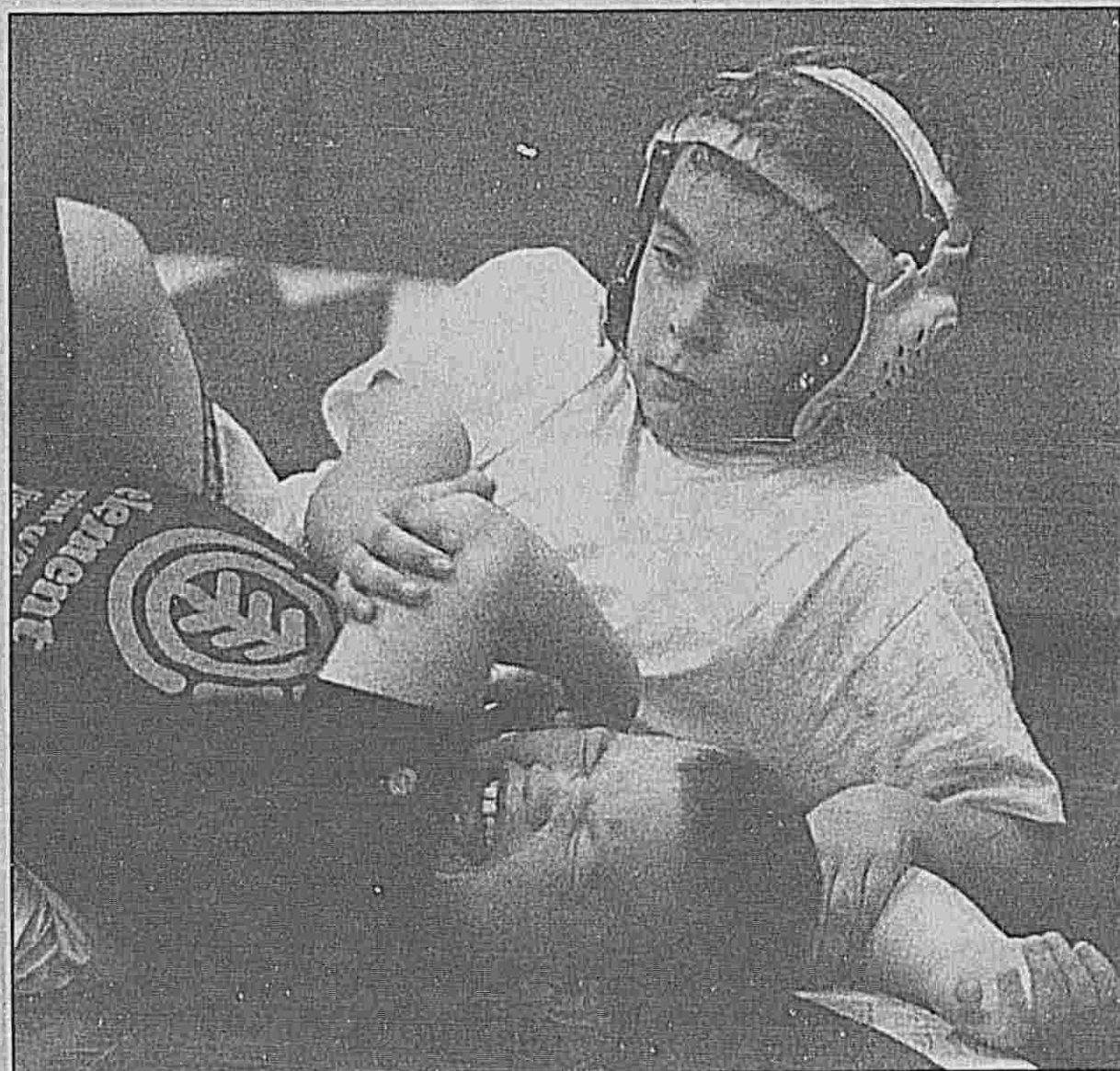


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Eleven-year-old Nick Cordova dominates 9-year-old Josh Pavlovich during a sparring session for the Young Champions wrestling club at Wauconda High School.

WAUKEGAN



Bulldogs hungry for 2nd half

By Nicholas Alajakis

Sports Reporter

The first half of the season was full of success for the Bulldogs' basketball team. Senior guard Laron Frazier became the school's all-time leading scorer, the Bulldogs went on a nine game win streak, the team scored more than 90 points three times, eclipsing 100 once and they began the season 4-0 in conference play.

And while coach Brian Colbert says he's happy with his team's 11-2 record, it's the two losses that leave the biggest question marks for the Bulldogs. The losses to Warren and Glenbrook South in the finals of the Waukegan Thanksgiving and Elgin Holiday Tournament, respectively, showed the Bulldogs can be exploited.

In both games the Bulldogs failed to utilize their size and strength while on the defensive end, Colbert said. And the team's defense is usually what sparks the team's offense, Colbert said.

When the team is clocking defensively they get rebounds and force turnovers that get the offense running, Colbert said. Both Warren and GBS were able to slow down the game against Waukegan.

Colbert said he is also looking for a third scorer to step up. Frazier and senior forward Emanuel Gaiter have long been the top scorers for the team, but as opponents adjust others need to step up. Ben Vega, Carlos Martin, Dexter Landry, Marcus Pettis and Ricky Miller have all stepped up at times, but none have done it consistently.

The second half of the season is full of CSL South games. In regular season play the Bulldogs are already 2-0 in the CSL South, with wins over New Trier and Glenbrook South. In addition to playing those two teams again, they face two a games against Niles West, Evanston and Maine South.

"It's a hard stretch," Colbert said. "It's definitely a goal to win conference."

WRESTLING

If Waukegan wrestlers weren't familiar with Murphy's Law prior to this season, they might be now. From injuries, to vacation, to illnesses, to academic ineligibility, the team has been losing wrestlers left and right, said coach Steve Welter.

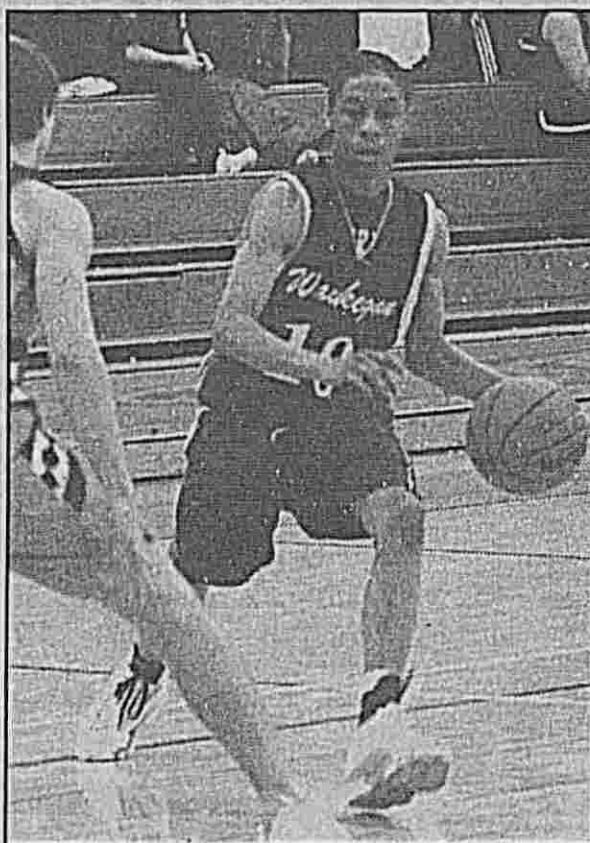
In got so bad in fact, that over holiday break, the team was forced to wrestle with only eight of 14 varsity spots filled.

"We're waiting on a couple guys to get back in the mix," Welter said.

Despite being short-handed the team was able to hold it's own. The Bulldogs were able to escape a recent quad meet against St. Viator, Round Lake and Bartlett with a 1-2 record.

Against all three teams Waukegan won 5 of eight matches, but they could not make up the loss in points due to forfeits, and only defeated St. Viator. Heavyweight Joe Leccesi, Dennis Walsh, Curtis Hines and Todd Sorenson were all undefeated in the meet.

"We can't afford to give up 24 points and win," Welter said.



File photo by John Dickson

Waukegan High School's Laron Frazier attempts to dribble past a Libertyville player during a game earlier this season. Frazier is Waukegan's new all-time leading scorer.

As the season goes on, Welter said he hopes he won't have to worry about giving up so many points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

When the Waukegan girls' basketball team walked off the court with a victory over Wauconda in the championship game of the Wauconda Holiday Tournament, their 4-9 record was something to be proud of.

The win eclipsed last season's win total of only three and gave them momentum going into the second half of the season, said Waukegan coach Colette Erbach.

"I think the girls are getting ready to turn the corner," Erbach said.

The girls swept all three games they played at the Wauconda tourney, with victories over the host school, Elgin and Woodlands Academy.

Some of the girls themselves were surprised they were able to win the tournament, Erbach said. That wasn't the case for senior point guard Angel Jones, who went into the tournament with a lot of confidence. Jones, who is coming off a knee injury suffered last year, is leading the team in both steals and assists. And sophomore Sierra Shipley leads the squad in point and rebounds with 10 and six per game respectively.

The Bulldogs, who currently sit at 4-10, have a tough stretch run to end the season. In addition to playing conference games against New Trier, Glenbrook South and Niles West, they also face a tough Zion-Benton team. They will also get a chance to face North Chicago, the team Waukegan beat for its first victory of the season.

COLLEGE LAKE COUNTY



Lancers ready to run

By Matt Pera

Sports Reporter

In more ways than one, the College of Lake County men's basketball team is about to embark on a new season.

Sure, the Lancers had one of their best starts in school history through the first half of the schedule. As it stands right now, the team averages 92 points per game, is 13-1 and is currently ranked No. 8 in the country by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

'We can't become a fluke. We don't want to sit up here and get ranked and then come out this second half and lose in conference.'

Jason Black
Assistant coach of the
CLC men's basketball team

And, according to assistant coach Jason Black, none of that matters now.

"I told them yesterday, we're 0-0 now," Black said. "This just starts all over. We can't become a fluke. We don't want to sit up here and get ranked and then come out this second half and lose in conference."

On Jan. 11, the Lancers will begin their quest to establish dominance in the Skyway Conference when they travel to Cicero to take on Morton College.

But a different team than the one that accomplished so much in the first half of the season will be suiting up for that game.

Over the break, CLC lost two of their key bench players due to academic ineligibility.

6-7 freshman forward Tony Murdock, who was the team's sixth man for the first 14 games, will not be back for the second semester.

Black, who is currently filling in for Chism while he takes care of family business, acknowledged that the absence of Murdock's scoring and rebounding would take away from the Lancer's depth.

"He was closing out games for us," Black said. "We had him in the last five minutes of the game. Whenever we were in a close situation, he was in the game. He'd come off the bench and score in double figures. That's a big loss."

Freshman backup point guard Jerod Harris, who was also a key contributor off the bench, is lost for the rest of the season as well.

"Jerod would come in and give us some good points off the bench, keep the tempo up (and) play good defense on the other point guards," Black said. "Then he was a match up problem because of his quickness. And he could always find guys open."

But, regardless of the loss in personnel, all five starters are returning to the Lancers, along with six bench players.

Black said the coaching staff plans to meet weekly with the six sophomores on CLC, five of whom start.

The goal is to keep communication open between the team and the coaching staff to ensure that both parties remain on the same page throughout conference and postseason play.

Sophomore guard and team co-captain Marlon Cobb said the Lancers are focused on solid conference play, which could set them up to win the Region II tournament and earn them a spot in the NJCAA National Tournament.

"We're trying to go get that tournament so we've just got to stay focused and work hard in practice and just bring all we've got to the floor," Cobb said. "Any given night it's going to be a tough game. Even against the worst teams, we've got to go out there to play each night."

Along with Cobb, other sophomore starters leading the Lancers will be point guard Austin Yarc, center Aaron Jones and the 6-7 high-flying forward duo of Kenny Saunders and Erin McMillon.

And with such an impressive start to the season, Cobb said the Lancers recognize they will be marked men every time they take the floor.

"Everybody's going to come after us now so we're going to be ready for it," he said.



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College of Lake County's Jose Garcia dribbles toward the basket during a home game earlier this season against St. Francis. CLC enters the second half of the season with a 13-1 record.

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OVERDOSE

months to solve. That case was also heroin related. Police are beginning to see more problems with heroin than other drugs, Borowski said. Cocaine used to lead to more overdoses, but heroin is also becoming more prominent, he added.

For his part, Kokko was charged with drug induced homicide (class X felony) and unlawful delivery of a controlled substance (class 2 felony).

Also arrested in the case was Raymond Greene, 28, of Waukegan. Greene was arrested as he left Kokko's home on the day of the arrest. Police found \$330 in heroin and \$135 in cocaine in Greene's possession. He was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver delivery (class 1 felony) and unlawful of a controlled substance (class 2 felony).

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MITZVAH

"Israel's economy has been hurt by terrorism," Stefansky said, explaining why he formed the Israel Support Fund.

Stefansky, who is unmarried and lives with his family, works most of the time helping Alzheimer's patients in hospitals. He earns occasional income as a home care aide, and invests most of his time in volunteerism.

His love for his beleaguered country is apparent.

"I hope people will learn more about Israel, and will come to visit," he said. "It's actually safer than people think."

For more information about Stefansky's visit, call Leba Miller, at 815-404-7606.

For information about Congregation B'nai Ohr, call 847-243-4444.

For information about ZAKA, visit www.zaka.org, for information about the Israel Support Fund, visit www.israel-supportfund.org.

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Just how much will you pay with the new tollway increases?

On Jan. 1, new toll rates took effect on the Illinois Tollway to fund systemwide roadway improvements outlined in the \$5.3 billion Congestion-Relief Plan presented at public hearings and approved by the Tollway's Board of Directors.

Tolls at all toll plazas systemwide will double for cash-paying cars, and rates for all trucks will triple to cover the cost of wear and tear to the roadways and the much-needed rebuilding of the Tollway system. Toll rates for passenger vehicles with I-PASS will remain the same.

New toll rates have been posted on all tollbooths and baskets systemwide for the past month and information has also been shared with customers via electronic message signs and handouts at toll plazas. As a result of the upcoming toll rate changes and promotional efforts, the Illinois Tollway has seen participation in the I-PASS program exceed 1.5 million transponders over the last month.

"A major overhaul of the Tollway system is long overdue and the toll rate changes will allow us to build a newer, better and more efficient Illinois Tollway system that will serve Tollway users reliably for generations to come," said Executive Director Jack Hartman.

In September 2004, the Illinois Tollway's Board of Directors unanimously approved the \$5.3 billion Congestion-Relief Plan that will reduce travel times by rebuilding and restoring almost the entire Tollway system, adding lanes to the system's major roads, replacing toll plazas systemwide with Open Road Tolling, and building the long-anticipated I-355 South Extension.

Implementation of the plan will be financed by bonds backed by the toll increase for passenger vehicles without I-PASS and commercial vehicles. The toll rate for passenger vehicles with I-PASS will not increase. The Illinois Tollway has not increased tolls in more than 20 years and has the lowest toll rate per mile in the nation.

Because the Tollway is a user-fee system and does not receive any state or federal gas taxes, only those who use the Tollway, pay for it. And, even with the increase for drivers who choose not to use I-PASS, tolls on the Illinois Tollway will remain among the lowest in the nation.

Toll rate change details

Passenger car drivers with I-PASS will see no toll increase. On the existing system, tolls will double for passenger vehicle drivers who choose to pay cash at all ramp and mainline toll plaza locations. Under the new toll rates, passenger vehicle drivers will pay approximately 6 cents per mile, compared to the national urban average of 9 cents per mile. Since toll rates for cars at untolled ramp plazas will double for passenger vehicles paying with cash, customers must be prepared with exact change.

For example, eastbound cars exiting the Northwest Tollway (I-90) at Route 53 will pay 30 cents as of Jan. 1, up from 15 cents. Toll rates changes for cash-paying cars at mainline toll plazas are as follows:

Tri-State Tollway (I-94, I-294, I-80/I294):

Waukegan Toll Plaza—75 cent toll increases to \$1.50; Touhy Toll Plaza—50 cent toll increases to \$1; Irving Park, Cermak, 82nd Street, 83rd Street, and 163rd Street toll plazas—40 cent toll increases to 80 cents.

Northwest Tollway (I-90)

South Beloit Toll Plaza—50 cent toll increases to \$1; Belvidere, Marengo, Elgin, Devon and River Road toll plazas—40 cent toll increases to 80 cents.

Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88)

Dixon and DeKalb toll plazas—95 cent toll increases to \$1.90; Aurora and York Road toll plazas—40 cent toll increases to 80 cents.

North-South Tollway (I-355)

Army Trail and Boughton Road toll plazas—50 cent toll increases to \$1.

Truck rates also will increase by about triple the rates currently paid, but truckers can reduce the additional tolls paid by using I-PASS and by driving during off-peak periods to take advantage of discounted rates. In addition, the new toll rates for trucks driving in Illinois also are lower than rates paid in other states.

Under the new toll rates, trucks are classified by the number of axles and grouped as small, medium or large trucks. For example, a large semi tractor-trailer truck traveling during non-peak hours will pay approximately 23 cents per mile, compared to the national urban average of 38 cents per mile.

As indicated in the chart below, the typical plaza rate for a large truck is \$4, but rates vary by plaza with some higher than \$4 and some lower, but the average is about \$3.50 peak/\$2.65 off peak. A complete listing of all toll rates is available at www.illinoistollway.com. Working with the Illinois Trucking Association, the Tollway extended the truck discount to weekday off peak and daytime weekends, which cut rates by 25 percent and will save truckers \$100,000 over four years.

How to join I-PASS

Since both passenger vehicles and trucks using I-PASS will receive a discounted toll rate and save time, Tollway customers are encouraged to get I-PASS. I-PASS transponders cost \$50, which includes a \$10 refundable deposit and \$40 in pre-paid tolls. Purchasing I-PASS at 200 Jewel-Osco stores in Northern Illinois, Kenosha, Wisconsin and Northwest Indiana is the most popular and easiest way for Tollway customers to get a transponder. or call 1-800-UCI-PASS for details.

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Hi	33	37	43	49	56	53	37
Lo	24	20	30	39	49	32	22
Forecast	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Rain	Rain	Rain
Record High	52 • 1949	56 • 1989	48 • 1990	55 • 1975	60 • 1975	58 • 1960	55 • 1960
Record Low	-12 • 1968	-8 • 1976	-9 • 1962	-21 • 1982	-14 • 1982	-6 • 1977	-5 • 1983
Sunrise	7:19 A.M.	7:19 A.M.	7:18 A.M.	7:18 A.M.	7:18 A.M.	7:18 A.M.	7:17 A.M.
Sunset	4:36 P.M.	4:37 P.M.	4:38 P.M.	4:39 P.M.	4:40 P.M.	4:41 P.M.	4:43 P.M.
Moonrise	4:25 A.M.	5:44 A.M.	6:57 A.M.	7:58 A.M.	8:45 A.M.	9:21 A.M.	9:49 A.M.
Moonset	1:30 P.M.	2:22 P.M.	3:28 A.M.	4:47 P.M.	6:11 P.M.	7:33 P.M.	8:51 P.M.

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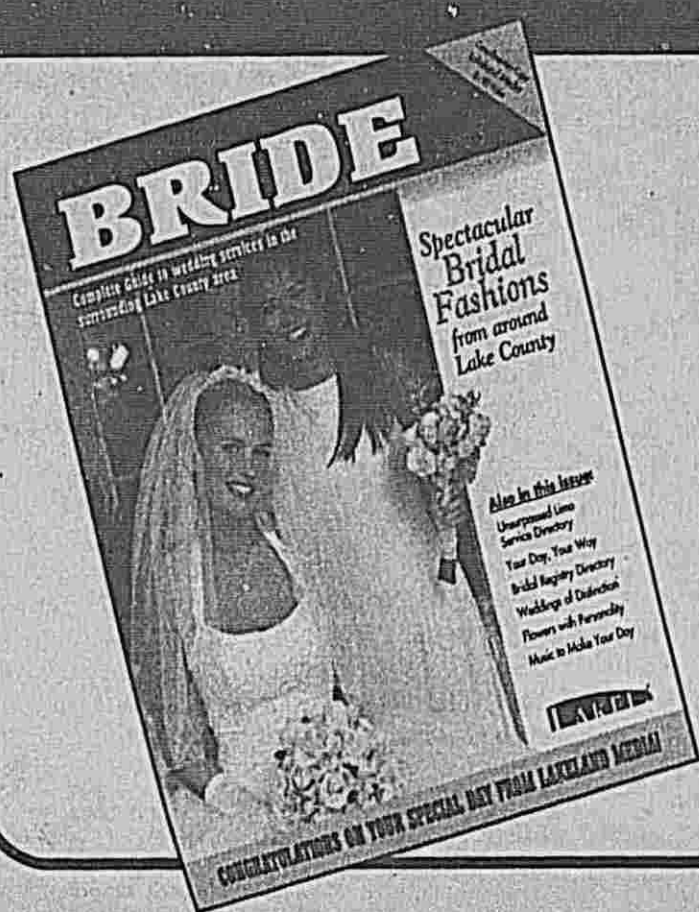


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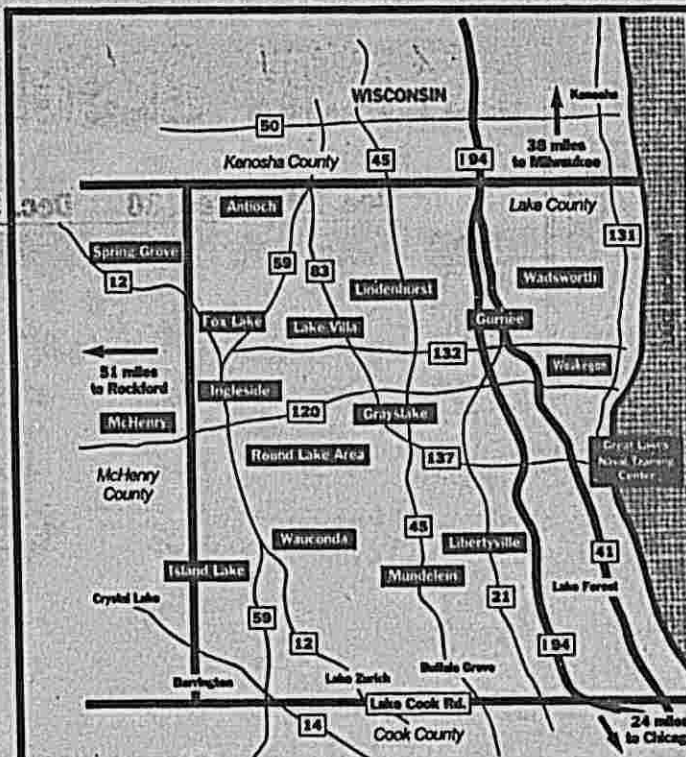
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Like many other people, I had no idea what job I wanted to do when I graduated from high school. That first summer I worked as a cement finisher's apprentice. I learned that I did not want to work long hours in physically strenuous work for the rest of my life. I worked there for a total of four months.

Five cement finishers and another apprentice worked on that job. We worked from sunup to sundown in the northern city where we lived. Every Friday we would try to finish as early as possible. Then one of the more experienced tradesmen would take up a collection, go to buy several cases of beer and we would drink them before we headed home. Only one of the crew abstained. After observing Charles's behavior for several weeks, I learned that his spiritual beliefs did not allow him to work from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday. In addition, he never drank alcoholic beverages.

My next job was in a factory. I decided to go to school, this job allowed me to work eight hours each day so that I could plan classes around that day job. Most of us dressed in old faded, wrinkled (there was no permanent press material in those days) clothes, except for Mr. Clean.

He had earned the nickname by coming to work each day in clean, starched and pressed dungarees. At thirty-two years old, he had almost finished a degree in business at a local college, taking two courses each semester. He read the Wall Street Journal on his lunch break and talked about mutual funds and options. He never stopped for a drink after work with the other people, or so they told me. By that time, I was on my spiritual journey and I did not drink.

After several years on the day shift in the factory, I took a third shift job at a local bank in the check-reconciling department. My goal was to escalate my education. The nighttime hours allowed me to have greater access to the more plentiful daytime classes.

One day, after six months on that job, I was met at the door by my mother after a trying day at school. I lived at home to conserve expenses. She told me that she got a call from my manager at the bank. She thanked my mom for the cleanly pressed and starched clothing that I wore each day. It was an example to others, she said. She also said that two other employees had gone back to school after talking to me. My mother occasionally mentions that experience and Grace's comments (yes, after 35 years mom remembers her name.) It may have been high point of her pride in her only son.

Several years later, in my first management job, I worked for Do-Nothing-Joe. He got that name because he was a great politician, but a lousy manager. One day as he left the office he stopped in my office. We had a five-minute conversation that taught me much about management. In that short time, he gave me great advice about strength, courage and compassion for subordinates.

Everyone that we meet in the work place has something to offer. Charles, Mr. Clean, Grace, and Do-Nothing-Joe have had an affected on my life and my career. We need to see the best in everyone with whom we work. We can adopt their positive attributes. My only regret is that I did not learn to thank them for their lessons until much later. Some never received the deserved kudos.

Identify workplace role models. Learn from them. Thank them.

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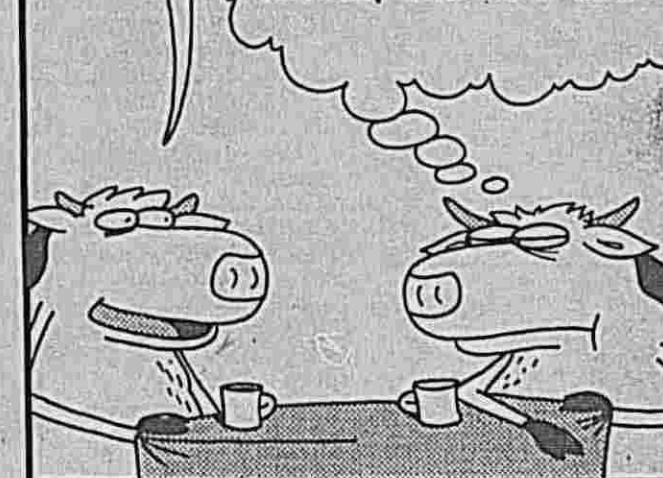
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person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Timothy Leicht December 16, 2004

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 16th day of December 2004.

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Complete specifications and conditions may be obtained from Walter J. Korpan, Chief Financial Officer between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday, at the District Office, 316 S. Rosedale Court, Round Lake, Illinois, 60073 (847)270-9000.

Sealed bids will be accepted until January 19, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at which time all bids received will be opened and tabulated.

Board of Education
Round Lake Area School District #116
Hal Davis, Secretary

0107A-6971-RL
January 7, 2005

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A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Village Elementary School, 880 W. Nippersink Road, Round Lake, Illinois, 60073 on Thursday, January 13, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

Complete specifications and conditions may be obtained from Walter J. Korpan, Chief Financial Officer between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday, at the District Office, 316 S. Rosedale Court, Round Lake, Illinois, 60073 (847)270-9000.

Sealed bids will be accepted until January 18, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at which time all bids received will be opened and tabulated.

Board of Education
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NUWAY SPEAKER PRODUCTS, INC. IN ANTIOCH

NuWay Speaker Products, Inc. has requested that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency renew the federally enforceable state operating permit (FESOP) for the air emissions from its facility located at 945 Anita Avenue in Antioch. The 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act require potentially major sources of air emissions to obtain federally enforceable operating permits. A FESOP permit allows a source that is potentially major to take operational limits in the permit so that it is a non-major source. The permit will contain federally enforceable limitations that restrict the facility's emissions to non-major levels. The permit will be enforceable by the USEPA, as well as the Illinois EPA. The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the draft permit.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permit, and project summary at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/online.htm (please look under All Permit Records, FESOP, Renewal). These documents and the application may also be obtained from the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 or 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

Comments are requested on the draft permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight February 5, 2005. If sufficient interest is expressed in the permit, a hearing may be held. Requests for information, comments, and questions should be directed to Brad Frost, Division of Air Pollution Control, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, PO Box 19506, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2113, TDD phone number 217/782-9143.

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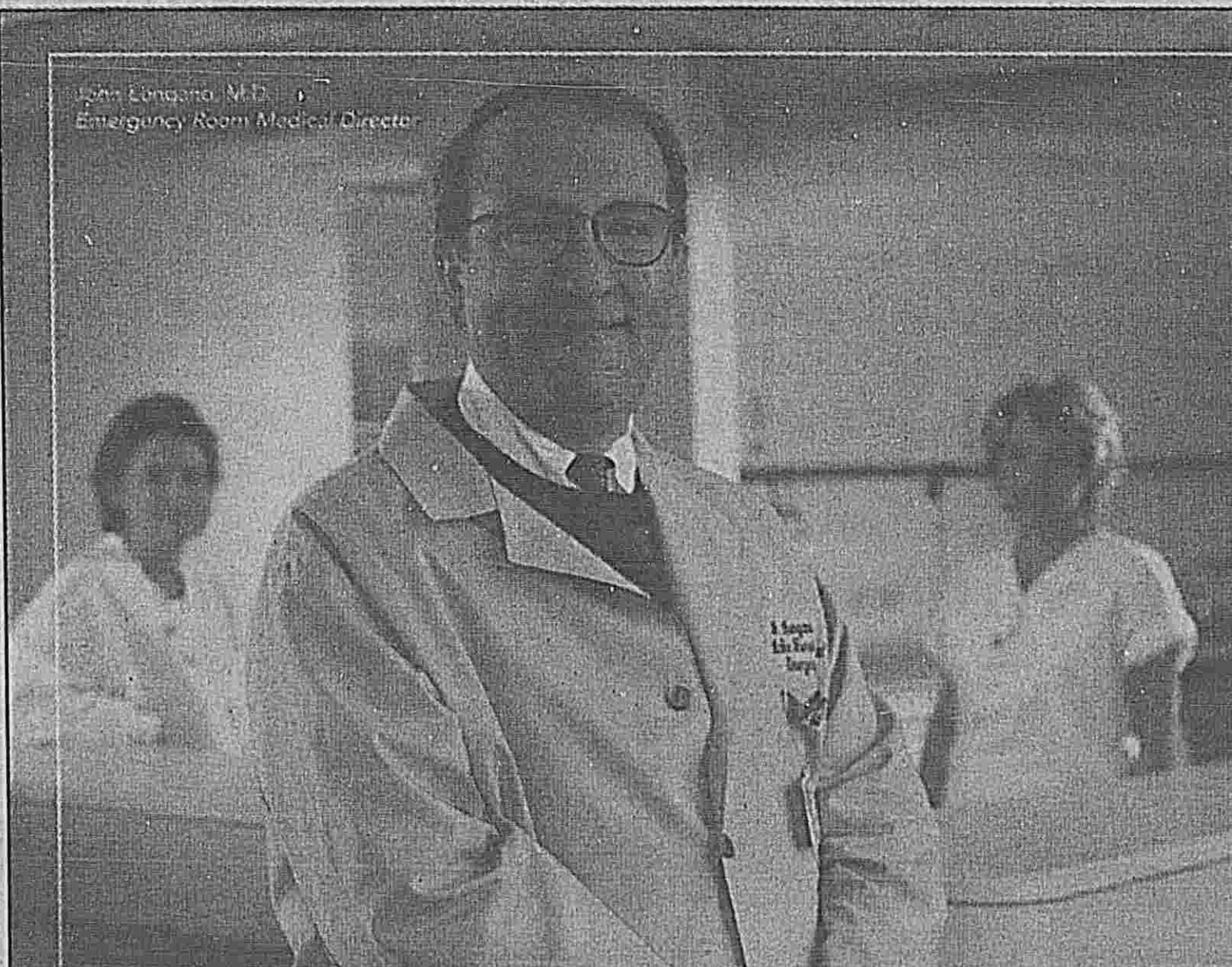
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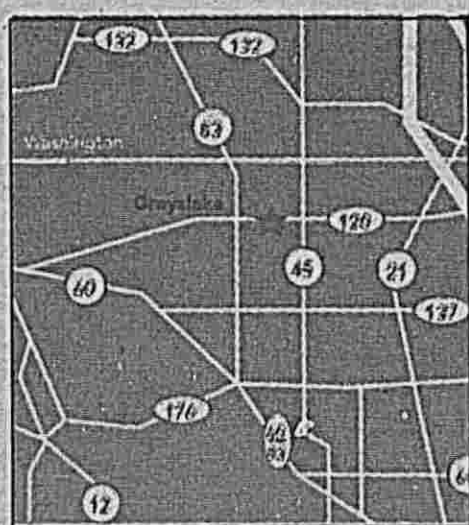
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